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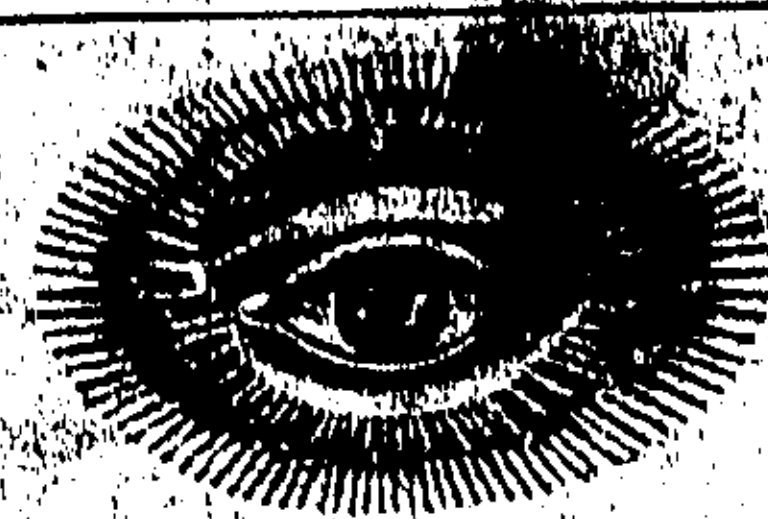
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To-day's Finance Cttee.
Votes.

TYRES FROM JAPAN.

At the Finance Committee meeting this morning, arising out of a vote for \$9,700 for magnetic instruments for the Royal Observatory, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird asked why, if the instruments were obtained in 1925, they were not entitled to pay for them at the prevailing rate of exchange.

The Chairman (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern) said that they had been paid for long ago by the Crown Agents who had got a debit "for them later in the year."

Regarding a Police vote of \$1,200 for repairs to police cars and cycles, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard asked if there was any explanation why these tyres had only done 2,500 miles as against a normal average of 6,000 to 8,000.

The Chairman replied that he had been informed by the Captain Superintendent of Police that these particular tyres had been made in Japan and that it had been arranged in future that British ones should be purchased.

Indian Police.

Arising out of a sum of \$7,300, supplementary vote for Indian police rations, it was explained that this was due to a large increase in the number of Indian police. The Wei-hai-wei police were being replaced as their agreements expired.

Two items not mentioned in the list were referred to by the Chairman. They were for \$250 bonus to four clerks who had done a great deal of overtime work in connection with the recalculation of widows' and orphans' pensions; also for \$1,000 for new pumps at Tytan Tuk, steps to the engine room not hitherto provided for.

A BANK DRAFT.

INDIAN ON FALSE PRETENCES
CHARGE.

WILLING TO REPAY.

Charged with obtaining \$400 by false pretences, a Sikh brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning pleaded "not guilty."

It is alleged by the prosecution that the defendant wrote to Calcutta in the name of the complainant requesting the money to be sent to Hong Kong care of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, withdrawing same himself upon receipt of the Bank's documents.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, for the complainant, asked for a week's remand.

Defendant said that he wished to make a statement. He had not stolen the money, having merely taken it as he was expecting a draft from India himself. If the Magistrate thought that he should repay the money, he could do so at once.

His Worship: You have already pleaded "not guilty." Do you now admit that you took the money knowing that it was somebody else's deposit receipt?—No, sir.

His Worship said that he would hear the case on Monday morning next.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Till noon to-morrow, the official forecast for all local districts is as follows:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine. At 11.28 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—

Pressure has increased moderately over S.W. Japan and slightly from Formosa to Tongking. It has decreased slightly over central and E. China.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. this morning: barometer 30.36; temperature 49; humidity 42; Wind N; force 1; weather blue skies.

HOME LIFE.

Bishop on Mothers' Duties.

A STIRRING ADDRESS.

The responsibilities of married life and the duty of the mother in regard to her children were dealt with by the Bishop of London in the course of an informal address to the Hong Kong Mothers' Union at St. John's Cathedral this morning. His Lordship dealt with aspects of these problems which were peculiar to mothers in such outposts of the Empire as Hong Kong.

The Bishop preached from the text "Blessed are the Pure in Heart." He first dealt with the immensity of the Women's Union movement which had in Great Britain alone a membership of 400,000. Both in regard to the social and political life of Britain there was no organisation more powerful than the Mothers' Union. It had been said, and with a certain amount of truth, that it was the one organisation at whose dictates the House of Commons trembled.

In the House of Lords, continued the Bishop, he had seen evidence of the tremendous weight carried by the Mothers' Union in the various petitions that had been presented during his term of office. The beneficial result attendant on the bestowal on women of the privilege and responsibilities of voting was evidenced in the greater ease with which it was now possible to introduce reforms.

Danger of Attack.

The reason why the Mothers' Union had grown so tremendously and become so powerful was that it represented that most vital constituent of the nation's life, Home life and all it stood for. It was a significant fact that one of the first things attacked by revolutionaries was the Home. It had been thus in the French Revolution and even more markedly at the present day in Russia. If it had not been for the women of Russia who saw what was coming and prepared against it, there would be established in Russia to-day a system of free love with all the Home and soul destroying results attendant on such a revolting system.

But it was not only from revolutionary movements that danger threatened the sanctity of Home life. The tendency everywhere in social life to-day was to more loose ideas and laxity of conduct. He (the Bishop) could not think that the open manner in which young people to-day discussed sex problems was conducive to a balanced and healthful outlook.

As His Majesty the King had said in his (the speaker's) presence, the future of the Nation depended on the Home life of her people. "You, more than all others," said the Bishop to his hearers, "are in a position to influence this for good or evil. The nation may lose power politically but it will not go down in that which most matters if you accept and discharge the responsibilities of wives and mothers."

Youth in the East.

The Bishop referred to the tendency among parents, even more marked, he believed, in the East, to accept the idea that "boys must sow their wild oats." After years of experience with boys in all classes of life he could speak with conviction when he said that boys, if only their moral fibre was strengthened by Home influence, by mothers who realised their responsibilities and taught their children how to pray, both could and did realise that it was their duty to come to marriage as pure as they expected their partners to. They were perfectly prepared to do this if they were only backed up. It was the mother's duty to provide that moral backing.

Duties of Marriage.

The Bishop then spoke on the duties of marriage, its Holy estate, its sacredness and indissolubility. Speaking of the necessity for perfect relations between husband and wife, His Lordship referred to the difficulties with which wives in the East were faced in regard to separation from their husbands in order to accompany their children Home to be educated, expressing the opinion that it were far better for the wife to remain with the husband than that distance should lead to barriers between them.

In conclusion, the Bishop appealed to his hearers to take a greater interest in the work which was going on around them amongst the Chinese, particularly in regard to

TROOPS ON MOVE.

War Plans of North Ready.

KIANGSI TO BE INVAD.

Peking, Dec. 27.
Marshal Chang Tso-lin has arrived here.

The Northern war plans are now stated to have been drawn up.

A force of 100,000 Shanghai troops will be in the forefront.

Some are going to Anking and others are marching along the north bank of the Yangtze to Hupeh.

Others are expected to cross the Yangtze and invade Kiangsi.

Recruiting stations have been established in Shanghai by agents of the Allied Army but so far as the "North China Daily News" have been able to learn that there has not been a very enthusiastic response.

WUCHOW TROUBLE.

MILITARY HAVE SITUATION
IN HAND.

SEARCH ON STEAMERS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Samshui, Dec. 25.
Order has been restored at Wuchow since the return of General Wong Shu-hung, governor of Kwangsi province. His troops are carefully guarding the port and efforts of labour agitators to stir up trouble have proved of no avail.

I understand that the Inspector-General of the Customs has given permission to the local military authorities at Wuchow to search for "suspicious characters, opium, arms, etc." accompanied by officers of the Chinese Maritime Customs and limited to certain fixed numbers.

Hong Kong river-steamboats calling at Wuchow during the Christmas holidays have been searched. Vigilance is still maintained as the authorities seem particularly keen to bring about a general strike and cessation of business.

When the s.s. "Fook On" was here on her last trip up there was an altercation between the ship's coolies, shore coolies and the cargo-boatmen, with the result that shipments for this port were overcarried.

the poorer Chinese children. In the course of his visit to Japan he had been appalled at the fact that 67 out of every 100 children under one year of age in Osaka did not survive. In Philadelphia, the percentage, he had been told, was only 7.

"Worse Than East End."

In South China, he had again been appalled at the conditions under which Chinese children were brought up in poorer districts. This had been particularly evident in old Kowloon City and in Canton where he had paid a visit. It was far, far worse than conditions in even the worst parts of the East End of London. If it was not possible for the women of Hong Kong to take an active part in alleviating the lot of Chinese children he hoped that they would take an interest in the work which was going on both here and in distant parts of China where men and women for whom he had the greatest admiration were devoting their lives to this missionary service, often endangering their own in so doing.

The Bishop's Plans.

Yesterday, the Bishop of London paid a visit to Canton. This afternoon, at 4-15, he attended a Victoria Diocesan Association "At Home" at the City Hall followed by a meeting at 5-15 which the Bishop will address.

To-night, the Bishop will be the guest of honour at the Oxford and Cambridge Society annual dinner (at the Hong Kong Hotel).

To-morrow, he celebrates Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church at 7-30 a.m. Visits to the Diocesan Boys' School and the Victoria Home, Kowloon, will be paid in the morning, lunch being taken at Fanling and a devotional address given at St. John's Cathedral at 4 p.m.

NAVAL RACE.

American Legislator's Views.

UNITED STATES "FOOLED."

New York, Dec. 27.

In a speech, Mr. Butler vehemently declared that he would persevere vigorously in his endeavours to force Congress to adopt the naval committee's programme.

He asserted that the United States must build virtually a new navy at a cost of over \$400,000,000.

"A high speed race for naval supremacy is proceeding between the nations and we are not in the race. When we scrapped over \$300,000,000 worth of the finest warships ever designed, we willingly and gracefully dethroned ourselves from the potential position of mistress of the seas, and now we are a poor third and likely to be fourth."

Mr. Butler declared that America has been fooled. Their trusting good nature had got them into trouble. It would require fifty warships to bring up the United States to her place.

Whether the present armament pact would be renewed when it expired in 1932 and the terms of renewal, depended on the potential naval strength the United States could show then, so the United States must build fast.—Reuter's American Service.

MISSION SCHOOLS.

CANTON AGITATION AGAIN
EVIDENT.

"IMPERIALIST" EDUCATION.

There has been further agitation at Canton against foreign missionary and foreign educational institutions.

A demonstration was held by the Canton Anti-Literary Aggression League last Saturday, preceded by a meeting at the campus of Chung-shan University.

Members of the General Political Department, Youths' Departments of the Provincial and City Kuomintang, Central Military Academy, Police Officers' Training Institute, Lingnam University, and students of over twenty schools were present, numbering in all over 2,000 persons.

Withdrawal Protection.

Several resolutions were passed, embodying the following points:

1. To request the Nationalist Government and the Provincial Government to withdraw all educational right from the "Imperialists" within the shortest possible time.

2. To request the Nationalist Government to refuse further recognition of the unequal treaties, particularly those concerning protection to missionaries, in all provinces within its sphere of influence, especially Kwangtung.

3. To request the Government to do all in its power to help the Canton Anti-Literary Aggression League.

NEW YORK TRUSTEES.

Canton Christian College's Position.

Dr. Charles K. Edmunds, former President of Lingnan University (formerly Canton Christian College) has arrived in Canton, accompanied by two other members of the Board of Trustees, Dr. W. Wistar Comfort, President of Haverford College and Mr. Ralph L. Watts, Dean of Pennsylvania State College.

Together with Mr. Tsin Shue-fan, prominent Canton lawyer, these three educators constitute the Committee on Government Registration, appointed by the Board of Trustees in New York to study conditions with a view to registration of the university with the Nationalist Government.

The Chinese staff and Faculty Association of Lingnan University advocate immediate Government registration of Lingnan (i.e. the Canton Christian College) and all other missionary educational institutions; students also favour Government in China.

That the Lingnan University registration of all missionary educational institutions in China was disclosed at a special meeting held last Thursday, states the "Canton Gazette."

TOKYO'S GRIEF.

Funeral of Japan's Emperor.

SOLENN SCENES.

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

Passing through immense crowds, estimated at fully a million flanking the route, which was lined by about 15,000 troops, the Imperial cortege conveying the late Emperor's remains, proceeded to the Palace after arrival at Tokyo this evening from Hayama.

An impressive silence marked the whole proceedings, the crowds standing and kneeling bareheaded in the darkness and cold of a winter night, whilst the dim flickering light from lanterns carried by the police added to the impressiveness and solemnity of the scene.—Reuter.

"SUNNING" TRIAL.

NO. 12 ACCUSED TO BE
DISCHARGED?

At the commencement of the resumed hearing of the "Sunning" piracy case at the Central Magistracy this afternoon, Mr. Lindsell informed Mr. M. K. Lo that he had received a certificate from the Medical Officer to the Jail to the effect that the 12th defendant had been admitted to hospital and would be unable to attend. His Worship asked Mr. Lo whether he wished an adjournment, or whether he would agree to the case proceeding in his client's absence.

Mr. Lo raised no objection. The Crown Solicitor: "The only evidence I can offer against this man is that of Captain Fringle who stated that he saw him on the bridge. It is not supported by anyone."

His Worship: I have already remanded him until January 3. If you have nothing further then, I shall have no alternative than to discharge him as I feel that no jury would convict on the evidence. Mr. Holmes said that he would be able to offer no further evidence on January 3, but would leave the matter in his Worship's hands.

Mr. Lindsell: I understand that the man is in hospital. I will leave the question of his discharge until next week.

TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTION.

Charged with causing obstruction to pedestrian traffic on the Praya, a Chinese told Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning that he was arrested.

An Indian constable informed the Magistrate that he had warned the defendant an hour previously.

In cautions the defendant, Mr. Lindsell added that it would pay him to be more careful in the future.

"STELLA DALLAS."

"Stella Dallas," the feature film showing at the Queen's Theatre to-day, offers skilful filming, brilliant acting and a beautiful story taken from a famous novel—three things which combine to make it one of the big successes of the season and a fitting production for holiday week. Alice Joyce, May McAvoy and Ronald Colman fill the leading roles with great ability and distinction.

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SEEN ON MARS.

AUTUMN COLOURINGS AND CLOUD EFFECTS.

NEAREST TO EARTH.

On the night on which Mars made its closest approach to the earth, the skies of England were (as far as I can tell) completely overcast. (writes the Astronomical correspondent of the London "Morning Post").

In the eyes of the pessimistic layman, this year's visit of Mars has therefore been a failure: the long-hoped-for night turned out cloudy, and the planet has disappeared again into space for at least another two years.

Yet the astronomer himself is not distressed; for him this year's visitation of Mars has been a great success. In his eyes, moreover, the visitation is only half over—the approach of the planet is at an end, but it has still got to retreat from us.

During the past three months the astronomer has been favoured with exceptionally fine views of Mars, and he has witnessed upon that distant world a wealth of remarkable changes which is almost without parallel in the history of any previous presentation of the planet.

Furthermore, he has at least another two months to go before Mars really does get too far away to be seen to advantage.

The Observations.

People are asking what has come out of all this watching? What new thing has been seen or discovered?

In the first place, the observations themselves are not nearly at an end; in the second place, it will be many months before all the drawings, photographs, measurements and other observations have been reduced and correlated; and only after all that has been done will it be possible to draw any reliable conclusions.

The "great night" was generally cloudy in England; but the night before was in many places a remarkably fine one.

That night the greatest of the so-called "Martian seas," the Syrtis Major, was presented centrally to us at about midnight upon the planet's globe. Its appearance was very remarkable.

The exquisite definition which prevailed broke it up into a mass of delicate detail in varying shades of green-blues, light blues, and dark blues—for during these three months of the early Martian Autumn the colours of the areas of vegetation have been growing ever richer and more vivid against the rosy pink background of the deserts.

Alterations.

But, apart from these regular seasonal variations in the duskiness and colouring of the darker markings, which we have watched proceeding before our eyes, we have found widespread alterations in the configuration of these markings since their last presentation in 1924.

On October 11th, I drew attention to the way in which part of the Syrtis Major had resumed the shape which in 1884 it presented to Schiaparelli, and how the usually elliptical-shaped "Lake of the Sun" had come to resemble a very pointed carrot and had moved with its "canals" through several hundred miles across the Martian surface.

On this night another great change, suspected some weeks ago, was confirmed. The great dark, wedge-shaped area Corebus, which lies isolated in the desert of the northern hemisphere, had shrunk to a width little greater than the "canal" which leads out of it, and, moreover, had rotated so as to lie almost due east and west instead of north-east and south-west as in past years.

A Great Cloud.

Lastly, we may refer to a remarkable cloud effect on this night. An opaque and very white cloud, covering about a million square miles, obscured a large part of the dusky markings to the south of the Syrtis Major.

This great cloud was only one of many seen during the past weeks; it was, however, remarkable for its sudden appearance, for it was quite invisible a few days before.

A similar, though much larger, cloud was seen early in October overlying the deserts to the north-east of the so-called "Gulf of the Sirens."

During moments of exceptional steadiness the whole mass stood out glittering white, and one got the impression of a billowy edge, like that of high cumulus seen in our own skies.

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KING ALBERT.

A Letter to Marshal Foch.

SECRET WAR HISTORY.

"The Reputation of My Officers And Soldiers."

The King of the Belgians has written a letter to Marshal Foch in reply to the Armistice Day interview given by the Marshal to the "Matin."

Marshal Foch, in his disclosures of the secret history of the war, stated that during the critical period of November 1914, he succeeded by persuasion in preventing Sir John French and the King of the Belgians from abandoning the line of the Yser.

He suggested, according to his interviewer, that King Albert, like Sir John French, was in favour of retreating, and the King was quoted as having said: "By



KING ALBERT.

the Constitution I am responsible to my people for what remains of the Belgian Army. I cannot sacrifice it."

No Order to Retreat.

The King of the Belgians writes as follows to Marshal Foch:

M. le Maréchal—I have read with astonishment the accounts published by M. Stephane Lauzanne in the "Matin" of a conversation which you are stated to have had with him.

It appears from the opinion which this article attributes to you that in November 1914, I had intended to order the retreat of our army had you not offered to



Marshal Foch.

intervene. Allow me to remind you that on October 16, when I had the honour of your first visit, the Belgian army had for three days been aware of my proclamation by which anyone who uttered the word "retreat" was to be considered a traitor to his country, and that the evening previously it had received orders to hold the line of the Yser at all costs.

The most rigorous penalties had been announced for any military leader who gave the order to retreat, no matter what the circumstances might have been, and in point of fact during the whole of the battle no order to withdraw was given.

It is true that during October 26 the extremely critical circumstances in which the troops were fighting compelled the Chief of the General Staff to consider the question of a withdrawal to a position in the rear, but you are not unaware that this proposal

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JAPANESE ART.

TRACED BEFORE DAWN OF HISTORY.

COPPER AND IRON AGES.

An address was given by Major W. Peel Groves on Japanese art and legend, before the members of the Arundel Society of Manchester, on October 30. To reach the very foundation of Japanese art, he said, it was necessary to go back to a period before the dawn of history. The inhabitants of Japan in their own stone age, either evolved independently or inherited those art motives which characterised the same epoch in China and the Mediterranean basin.

The dolmen period of Japanese history, which lasted from about 600 B.C. to, perhaps, 700 A.D., was less controversial ground.

During this era the native religion of Shinto or Ancestor worship was supreme. The grandees and rulers were buried in tumuli, covering megalithic structures similar to those of the European stone age, although Japan was then emerging from the age of copper to that of iron. In the burial chamber were placed such personal belongings of the dead as cooking pots, vessels of wine and food, house trappings and weapons. The Peel Park Museum in Salford afforded ample scope for the study of this interesting subject.

The most fascinating point lay in a peculiar type of pottery found in the Japanese dolmen tombs. These were remarkable vessels with high and perforated stems which occurred very occasionally in Chinese pottery of the Chou dynasty from 2,000 B.C. onwards, and in Korea. But in Japan they were met with in such unusual numbers, that they could hardly have been derived from the neighbouring continents. A visit to the British Museum (where there is a large selection locked away in a dark cupboard) would show that these curious forms find their exact counterpart in the pre-historic vessels of the stone age and bronze age of Western Asia and the Mediterranean littoral. In fact a wealth of cumulative evidence suggested that primitive Japanese art and Shinto cult of the dead was very much like that of our own stone and bronze age, if indeed it was not a distant offshoot.

Korea, the nearest point on the mainland, was the main avenue through which Chinese art filtered to the Island Kingdom, and Korea itself had reached a high standard of artistic culture. Old Korean pottery has always been held in great esteem by the cultured classes in Japan; particularly the devotees of the Tea Ceremony, which peculiar institution exercised a most conservative influence on Japanese art in general. Finally the advent of Buddhism, about 550 to 650 A.D., introduced to Japanese art an aesthetic restraint and a graceful flow of line combined with an inexhaustible wealth of symbolism.

"SOME" BUILDING.

London, Dec. 18.

According to a message from New York, plans have been submitted there for a skyscraper of 110 storeys rising 1,208 feet above street level. It will cost over £4,000,000.

Further details of the 110-storey skyscraper show that it will be built on 42nd Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues, and will be known as Larkin Tower. It will give office accommodation to 30,000 persons. Sixty high-speed lifts will serve the tenants. The top floor of the tower will be given to sightseeing purposes.—Wireless through Reuter.

did not receive my approbation. Moreover, all this took place in October, not in November.

No recollection of it. As for the written document which you are said to have left me giving me your advice, I have no recollection of having received it.

Certainly, I am aware of what the Allied cause owes to your energy, and that your insistent with Marshal Joffre hastened the sending of the help which we so badly needed. I think it is my duty to express to you once more the gratitude we all feel for your precious aid on that occasion. But you, a Marshal of France, the personification of the chivalrous virtues of a noble nation, will understand, I am sure, that it is my duty to maintain intact the well-deserved reputation of my officers and soldiers, to whose bravery and tenacity was finally due the happy issue of the Battle of the Yser.

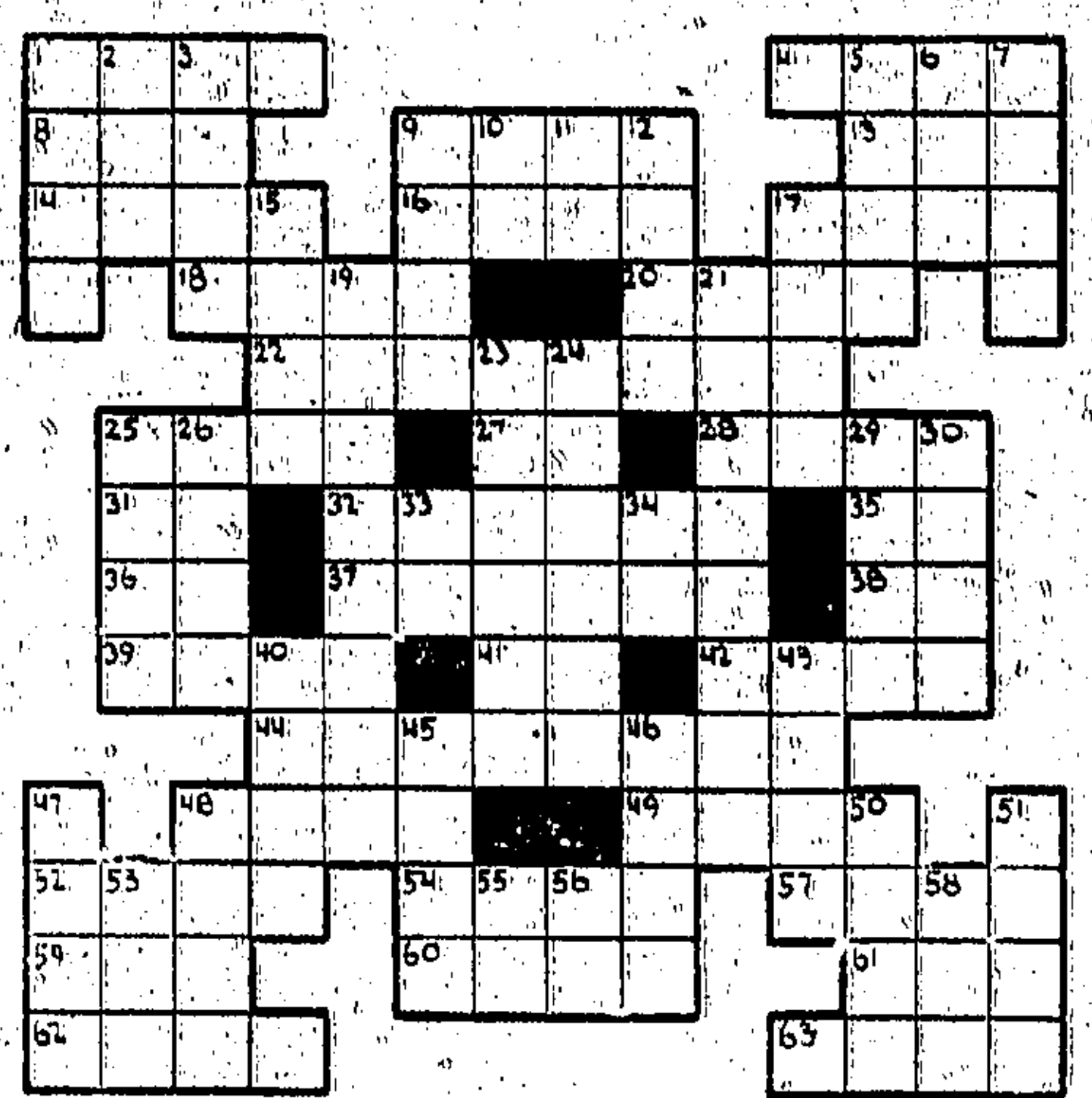
Believe me always, M. le Maréchal.

Yours devotedly,

It is understood that Marshal Foch intends to reply to the King in a personal letter, which will not be made public until the King has received it.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert, but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and ultho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1—Dress | 41—French for "the" | 17—A lump |
| 4—Association (abbr.) | 42—Good things to eat | 19—Rugged; scurly |
| 5—Man's name | (stand) | 21—Frames for holding |
| 9—Greenish stone used | 44—Abutments | torches |
| for ornaments | 45—To become concave | 23—An archbishop of |
| 13—Greek goddess of | 46—Principal Egyptian | Cathay |
| the dawn | goddess | (d. 1109) |
| 14—Hideous | 52—A clown | 24—Pest the prime |
| 16—Girl's name | 54—On | 25—Young woman |
| 17—A level shaded walk | 57—The dye, indigo | 26—Exclamation of |
| 18—To mislay | 59—Prefix. Away | slight pain |
| 20—A word said to cast | 60—Accomplished | 28—A young woman |
| 22—Instrument used for | 61—Mark's name | regarded as a child |
| sawing (pl.) | 62—A religious | 30—Sense organs |
| 26—A round, brass pot | ceremony | 34—Prefix. Good |
| (India) | 63—Stain | 40—The seat of a |
| 27—Sodium (chem.) | | person |
| 28—An ending of | VERTICAL | 43—One of the |
| inceptive verbs | 1—Plentiful | continents |
| 31—Gold (chem. sym.) | 2—Pacific Coast State | 45—A dull, heavy sound |
| 32—Managers | (abbr.) | 46—A number |
| 33—Interjection | 3—Globe | 47—Parting to a wing |
| 35—State of U. S. | 5—An estate; mansion | 48—Powder |
| (abbr.) | 6—The sun | 50—Break suddenly |
| 37—A king of Thrace | 7—The capital of | 51—Plot |
| (Gr. Myth.) | Norway | 53—Japanese sash |
| 38—Prefix. Form of | 8—To mock | 54—A river, N. Italy |
| "the" | 10—Exalt | 56—Upon |
| 39—To scare away, as | 11—Decimeter (abbr.) | 58—Combining form |
| fowl | 12—Comfort | Equal |
| | 15—Squandered | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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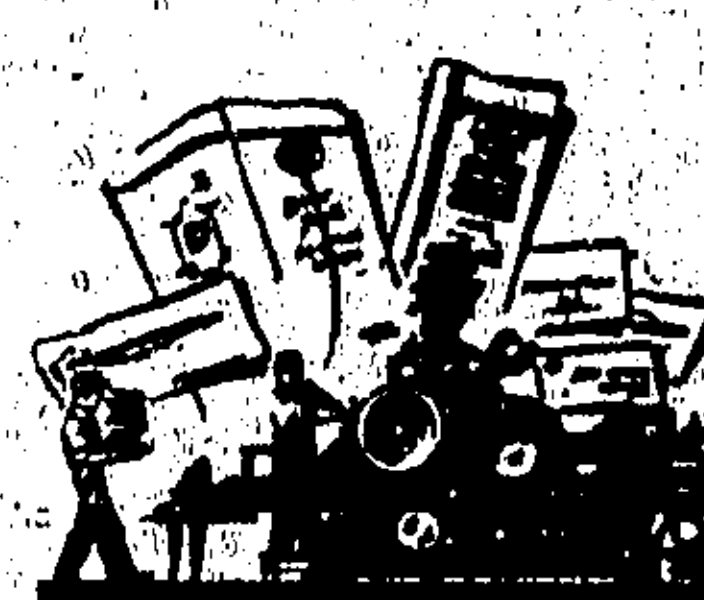
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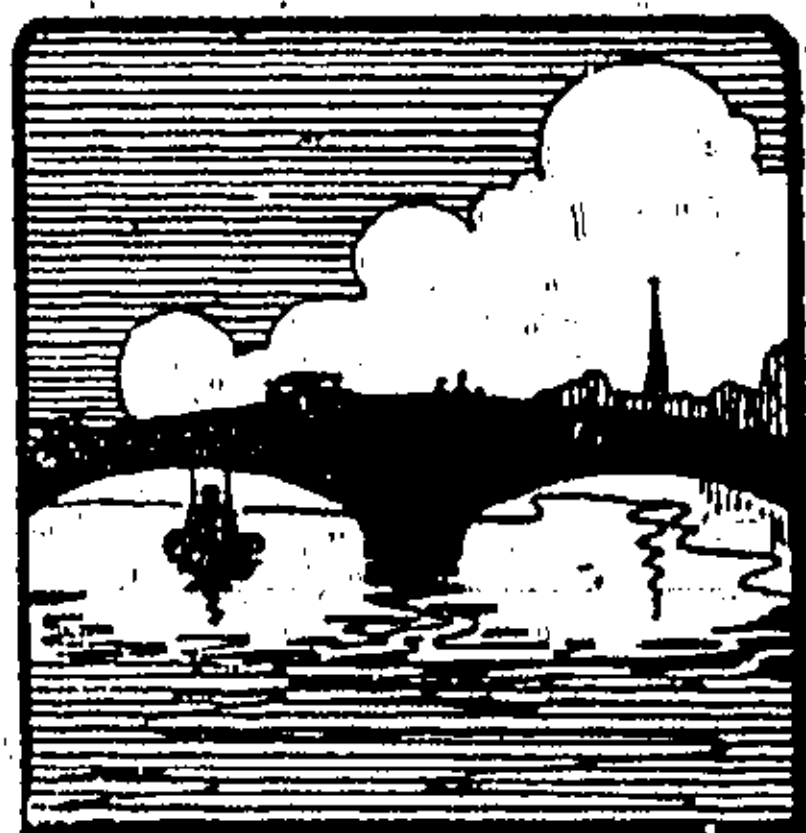
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Tragedy has invaded the portals of one of Shanghai's best-known clubs, and its members, who normally wear a becoming expression of dignified austerity, have been transformed into dejected beings, having the appearance of men who know not what or who they are or where they are going.

The transformation (says the "N. C. Daily News") happened one night last week when, in the midst of that hazy place of which the Club is so proud, there entered, unexpected, unwanted and unheralded, an apparition. To describe it adequately and in detail is apparently beyond the powers of those who were afflicted with its presence; but one gathers, out of the semi-stupor into which they have been plunged, that it was of the "genus 'hobo'" and of that special type which stops one on the Bund with some such appeal as "guy nor can ye spare a dollar for a poor guy what's missed 'is ship I've not a meal for three days I've not a wife and family in (anywhere) and if yer ain't got a dollar will yer give us 20 cents for a bed to-night or I'll ave to sleep in the gardens..." and so on for as long as the listener will listen or until the 20-cent piece has been produced and handed over.

The invader of the club was in such a condition of griminess as to leave no doubt that he had successfully evaded any and all contact with soap and/or water for many moons; his nose was decorated in an arresting manner with a generous supply of sticking-plaster, tangible evidence of a battle that had gone before; his raiment was generally in keeping with the condition and appearance of his features; while he exuded from nostrils and mouth so pungently volatile a vapour that the presence of a naked light would have been infinitely dangerous to all in the vicinity.

The apparition lurched into the vestibule of the club, to the dismay and consternation of all therein, combined a sort of gyratory movement with a general survey of the place and its occupants and then, with an instinct that could only have been inborn, made tracks for the swingdoors guarding the entrance to the bar.

One club member, whose temper is probably due to a long and pugnacious Welsh ancestry, decided that things had gone far enough, so he barred advance and in dulcet tones said, "Excuse me, Sir, but evidently you have made a mistake. These premises are a private club, open only to members."

The inebriated one, after a prolonged leer, followed by a baleful glare all round, retorted, "Ish thash sho? Then will yer please direct me to a place where gen'lmen can go!"

What happened after that is not quite clear, but it appears that after those present had returned to some sort of normality, the apparition had disappeared, presumably in search of one of the many local places where a real gentleman is welcome.

Such is the tragedy. For now none of the members can make up their mind whether "in vino veritas" is a true saying or a libel.

HARBOUR OFFICE.

DEPUTY HARBOUR MASTER ARRIVES.

The administrative change in the Harbour Department recently announced in the Legislative Council has been carried out by the deputy yesterday of Lt. Comdr. J. D. Newell, R.N., on the "Kalyan" from Singapore, who was met by Lt. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., the present Harbour at Hong Kong.

The newcomer is to act as Deputy Harbour Master and he comes from service with the Singapore Harbour Board.

Lt. Comdr. Newell is in the retired list of the Navy List with seniority from Jan. 10, 1919. He was appointed Lieutenant in Jan. 1911 and during the early part of the war served on the staff of Rear Admiral Mundy, as assistant to the Captain-in-charge at Devonport Dockyard.

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"GOOD TIMES WILL COME AGAIN."

LORD INCHEAPE'S SPEECH.

London, December 8.—In the course of his speech at the eighty-sixth annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, Lord Inchcape, after reviewing accounts, stated that they could insure their outstanding risks today for a much lesser sum than that standing to the credit of the insurance fund.

The Board had under consideration the question of treating this fund as a reserve. A year hence he might have more to say on the subject. For the supplies of maintenance and repairs they were paying 75 per cent. more than before the war. The bills were staggering and unless prices came down passage rates, much to his regret, would have to go up. Many of their voyages had been disastrously short of cargo and the condition in China caused a serious loss of traffic.

Their passenger traffic continued to expand in a remarkable degree. They got an occasional growl but welcomed suggestions for improvement.

Recently he received a vehement and amusing expostulation against mixed bathing in steamers. A statement by their accountants showed that the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company, if broken up to-morrow, would be able to discharge all its obligations and give deferred stockholders more than to-day's market value of their holdings, but the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company was a national institution and would go on with the conviction that good times would come again.

The general strike had involved the Company in a serious loss: Coal Strike Losses.

The coal strike had cost the Company over £200,000. Coal prices had risen and the inferior quality of foreign coal had greatly increased consumption. Nine of their steamers were oil burners. They proposed to convert the "Narkunda" and the "Naldera" to burn oil.

While the liners suffered, the tramp steamers had benefited by "carrying oil to Newcastle." The 19 tramp steamers owned by the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company were under these unnatural conditions and for the moment were paying their way.

During the year under review the shipping industry itself had run free of strikes.

Mr. J. Havelock Wilson's campaign to favour industrial peace conciliation, if it expanded, might prove the country's economic salvation.

It was prophesied, he said, that the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company would be badly hit by aeroplanes and airships. He believed that even if the Empire airways became a commercial proposition, the P. and O. Company would hold its own.

Regarding the proposal to form a company with a capital of £11,000,000 to run 22-knot ships to India, Ceylon and Australia, he considered that the promoter had better put his money into war loan, which would have given him £350,000 yearly. His shareholders would never get as much out of the proposed venture as the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, with 400 ships and a capital of less than £7,000,000 found it difficult to provide £500,000 yearly to pay its dividend. If the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company had seen its way to cover expenses they would have gone in for a 22-knot service long ago.

Recently the Board had arranged with the Great Indian Peninsula and the East Indian Railways Companies to construct two de luxe trains to run each way between Bombay and Calcutta in conjunction with the Peninsular and Oriental Steamers.

They were greatly indebted to the Chairman of the Railway Board, Sir Clement Hindley, to Sir Robert McLean and Mr. G. L. Colvin agents of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway and the East Indian Railways, for the enterprise they had shown in the matter. If together with their allies, they had 433 steamers in commission during the year, these ships would have traversed 17,000,000 miles of ocean, made 80,000 port entries, carried 15,000,000 tons of cargo, 850,000 animals, and over 2,250,000 passengers.

Huge Expenses. The average daily number of the ships' companies was 40,000. Their daily expenditure on wages and the victualling of crews was £15,000. It was difficult to estimate the number of outside men to whom also these ships gave employment.

Referring to Sir Geoffrey Clarke, who had been elected a Director of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, Lord Inchcape said they could have no better man than their colleague. Sir Geoffrey Clarke knew the work of the Peninsular and Oriental Company from A to Z. £300,000 had been invested in the Company's profit sharing scheme during the year, of which the interest of 7½ per cent. had been charged to accounts. The scheme provided a simple way of interesting employees in the success of the Company.

Since they last met there had been a change in the Viceroy of India. The Marquis of Reading after five years' strenuous and successful work had been succeeded by Lord Irwin, who appeared to be winning golden opinions from all classes of the community.

He would conclude with a personal word, thanking the numerous organisations, which it fell to his lot to direct for the leisure and recreation he managed to secure. He realised how much he was indebted to his capable, upright, loyal and affectionate coadjutors, whether at Home or abroad.

Lord Inchcape said he kept informed, almost from hour to hour, of all that took place. As Lord Nelson said of his Captains at the Nile, he and his coadjutors worked together as a band of brothers.

To all associated with him at Home and abroad he expressed grateful thanks. Before many years he supposed that he would have to give up the work which he dearly loved. His one ambition, when his time came to leave was that every business for which he was the responsible head, including the old P. and O. Company should be in a sound financial condition.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The E. & A. s.s. "St. Albans" left Moji for this port on Dec. 24, and is due here to-day.

The B. I. s.s. "Takada" has left Singapore for this port and is due here to-morrow at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Manila yesterday, at 7 a.m., leaves that port to-day at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Dec. 30, at 8 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. "Mirzapore" left Shanghai for this port on Dec. 28, at 3 p.m., and is due here on Dec. 30, at about 11 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benledi" from Leith, Middlebrook, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Jan. 1.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Dec. 25, and is due here on January 13.

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DEVANHA	8,155	23rd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,006	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,352	2nd March	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,006	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	18th March	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles and London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	18th April	Marseilles, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
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DEVANHA	8,155	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
NAGORE	5,283	13th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,006	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALMA	10,000	21st Jan.	Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,352	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,944	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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SEA OR AIR?

"THE NAVIATORS" AS THE
SOLUTION.

A CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION.

Cassandra foretold the future, but it was her misfortune not to be believed. Since her era others have taken upon themselves the role of prophet—generally with the same result. We can remember only too vividly the warnings uttered by Lord Roberts many years before the outbreak of war with Germany, says the "Journal of Commerce." Yet, however, thankless the task, there are many willing to attempt it. Which of us, in fact, does not at some time attempt this fascinating pastime? Even if we are wrong, or being right are disbelieved, we derive some amusement and maybe not a little gain from the endeavour. Most interesting of all is the attempt to outline the war of the future—for even at such a time as this, when the nation is celebrating the anniversary of the Armistice which brought the Great War to an end, we all realise that man is too imperfect to make any end of warfare for all time.

So the nations are compelled to maintain huge armaments, and the almost unceasing invention of new weapons makes it difficult to imagine the war of the future. But one big question stands out above all others. Is the next war to be fought in the air or will the land and sea forces still reign supreme? This question is a source of unlimited discussion, and there are at the present day few more controversial topics. There are able advocates to be found for each side, and neither side is willing to admit the truth of the other's arguments.

The View of An Expert.

It will be remembered that early in the present year Mr. E. F. Spanner, M.I.N.A., at one time a member of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors, ranged himself definitely on the side of those who believe that the future of this country rests in the air, by his book, "The Broken Trident," in which a rehabilitated Germany regains that position in the forefront of the world's affairs which she lost in 1914-18. This she achieves solely by use of the aeroplane. Mr. Spanner who is the patentee of the duct keel and the soft-ended system of ship construction, has now written a sequel to "The Broken Trident," which he has called "The Navigators" (Williams and Norgate, 14, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, W.C.2, 7s. 6d. net). The book is a further warning to all and sundry that mastery will be found in the air.

Certainly there is one point in favour of the standpoint. Mr. Spanner takes up. It is the relative speed of air and surface craft. For while we have yet to see the 60-knot ship (much talked of by the layman) we already have aeroplanes capable of over 250 m.p.h. Everyone connected with marine engineering knows the well-nigh insuperable obstacles which would confront the designer of a 60-knot ship, but there are relatively no obstacles in the way of increasing the speed of an aeroplane. To a certain extent, therefore, it would appear that the 40-knot battleship, which Mr. Spanner imagines, is at the mercy of the 300 m.p.h. aeroplane which, in addition to her greater speed, is more easily manoeuvred. In his new book Mr. Spanner abolishes the Air Force as a separate arm and brings it under the control of the Admiralty. The Navigators is the name given by the Press to the force so created. How successful this policy proves is vividly narrated, and it is due to the Navigators that the war with Japan, which is the main theme of the book, is brought to a conclusion, satisfactory to this country.

Stifling the Nelson Tradition.

Mr. Spanner, of course, has brought the aeroplane to a high state of perfection, and the inventions he outlines carry conviction. They do not seem to be on the lines of development that aircraft will follow in the future. Appliances for landing, however, had the ground, aerial torpedoes of an improved pattern, and so on. Perhaps we are less inclined to believe in the success which attends the efforts of the Japanese battleship "X," for the torpedo has been proved an unreliable weapon.

Whether we agree, with Mr. Spanner or not, his book is fascinating to read and its value lies in the fact that there is little or nothing impossible in it, so that it might well be a very accurate forecast of the war of the future. In conclusion, Mr. Spanner says that the Nelson tradition stifles the big ship, so vulner-

HEROIC WORK.

AWARDS TO BRITISH
OFFICERS.

ITALIAN RECOGNITION.

At a special meeting of the Local Marine Board of London at the Board of Trade offices, Dock-street, London, E., before a large gathering of shipping and association representatives and merchant-governor awards granted by the Italian Government in recognition of services rendered by the steamer "Pittsburgh," of Liverpool, to the crew of the Italian steamer "Motto Grappa," in the North Atlantic on November 14, 1922, were presented to Captain Thomas Jones, diploma and silver commemorative medal; and to Mr. W. S. Quinn, 1st officer, diploma and bronze commemorative medal; and to Mr. John Law, 4th officer, who was in charge of one of the rescuing boats, diploma and silver medal for bravery. Mr. V. W. Pearson, the 5th officer, was unable to be present; and the presentation to him was made on board the "Majestic" at Southampton.

Mr. J. G. Dendy, secretary, read the despatch from the Italian Government expressing their gratitude and high appreciation of the efforts of the master, officers and crew of the "Pittsburgh."

Mr. J. D. Stobart, member and acting chairman of the Local Marine Board, in making the presentation spoke of the fine seamanship and bravery which had resulted in saving the whole crew of the sinking ship, 45 in number, and added that such actions went to prove that the fellowship of the sea was as great a force as ever and helped greatly to further international friendship.

Captain Jones, at the request of the chairman, gave a short description of the circumstances of the rescue, and recalled the eagerness of his crew to man the boats on that occasion.

On behalf of the Italian Government, Colonel Coppi, Military Attaché to the Italian Embassy, attended in place of the Naval Attaché, unavailably absent through sickness, and expressed the thanks of his Government, the gratitude of the seamen and their dependants, and as a soldier, paid his own personal tribute to the saving of so many precious lives.

Short speeches of appreciation were also made by Captain Dani of the Imperial Merchant Service Guild; Captain Wills and Mr. C. A. Stephens, of the Local Marine Board; Captain Boughton, of the Shipping Federation; Paymaster Commander A. E. Loder, Secretary of the Sailors' Home; and Mr. D. Bramah, C.B.E., secretary of Marine Engineers' Association.

Twenty bronze medals for bravery have also been received by the crew of "Trade" for the boats' boards, and which will be presented when the seamen can be traced.

Rescued Engineers.

Captain J. H. Cole, D.S.C., master of the steamer "Benelder," at the same gathering was presented with the certificate and bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society for the rescue of his 1st and 2nd engineers at sea on 19th August, 1925, when they were almost asphyxiated by fumes in a burning coal bunker. This service has already been recognised by the award of Lloyd's silver medal for gallantry and the silver medal of the society for the protection of life from fire.

NEW WHITE STAR LINER.

Mr. P. A. Franklin, president of the International Mercantile Marine, on arriving at Southampton from New York, said the White Star Line were pushing ahead with plans for a new liner of at least 50,000 tons.

It would be bigger than the "Olympic," 48,439 tons, the largest British-built ship, but he could not say if it would reach the size of the "Majestic," 56,551 tons, formerly the German Bismarck.

The contract would be given to Messrs. Harland and Wolff, of Belfast.

able and of use only in destroying vessels of her own type. How much more at home would Nelson be, if he were alive to-day, in an aeroplane, a tiny craft which can deal a deadly blow, such as he was wont to do. Mr. Spanner's last words—wise to some, foolish to others—are as follows:—"But neither surface vessel nor submarine can stand against the menace which now offers from the air. A positive statement which can only be proved as some by the test of war. But what folly. What utter and hopeless folly to persist in arguing Sea Power versus Air Power when, all the time, the so obvious course is to unite these two great arms. And if united, how better than 'The Navy'!"

"CALIFORNIA."

BIGGEST AMERICAN-BUILT
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The International Mercantile Marine appears to have had a good deal of difficulty over deciding on the name to be given to the 22,000-ton ship which they are having built in the United States and which will run between New York and San Francisco. They asked for suggestions, and all sorts were sent in, but the most promising was "Monterey," which was the old capital of the Pacific Kingdom, while "Shasta" and "Montezuma" were both good suggestions. On the other hand, one cannot see very much virtue in the suggestion "Sungaria," the ancient province in the interior of Northern China, merely because it is intended that to begin with she shall run alongside the "Mongolia" and "Manchuria." Finally the company decided for themselves that "California" was the most appropriate name, not only because San Francisco is to be her terminal port, but because the great State of the West is taking more and more interest in maritime matters. It seems an exceedingly happy choice, but it is rather remarkable to discover that there is not a single power ship of this name on the American list. The "California" will be a luxurious vessel in every respect, but it is unfortunate that the fact that she is to run between two American ports prevented her owners coming to British yards for tenders for her construction; they could have made a very good job of it.

SHIPBUILDING IN DENMARK.

A fair amount of activity is reported to prevail at the Danish yards at the present time as a result of the recent booking of not a few orders, more than half of which have been placed with provincial yards.

At present the Copenhagen, Flydedok has under construction a new passenger steamer for the Iceland Steamship Company, a motorship for the Greenland route and an order for a motor tanker of 12,000 tons for a Danish company. A motor tanker of 8,000 tons is being built by Messrs. Burmeister and Wain, and this firm also has on hand an order for a motor tanker of 12,000 tons for Norwegian account, while negotiations are proceeding with a view to getting orders for the construction of other vessels for the same country.

Among the provincial yards the Helsingør Skibsværft is constructing a three track motor-ferry for the State railways, a new passenger motorship for the Danish United Steamship Company for the Iceland route, and a passenger steamer for the Swedish Svea Company of Stockholm. A motorship of 8,000 tons is being constructed by the Odense yard for Norway, while orders for three further motorships have also been secured. Two of these, which are for Norwegian account, will each be of 9,000 tons, while the third is for the Copenhagen shipping firm of Ad. Møller.

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CEYLON MARU	Thursday, 30th December.
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MISHIMA MARU	Saturday, 21st January.
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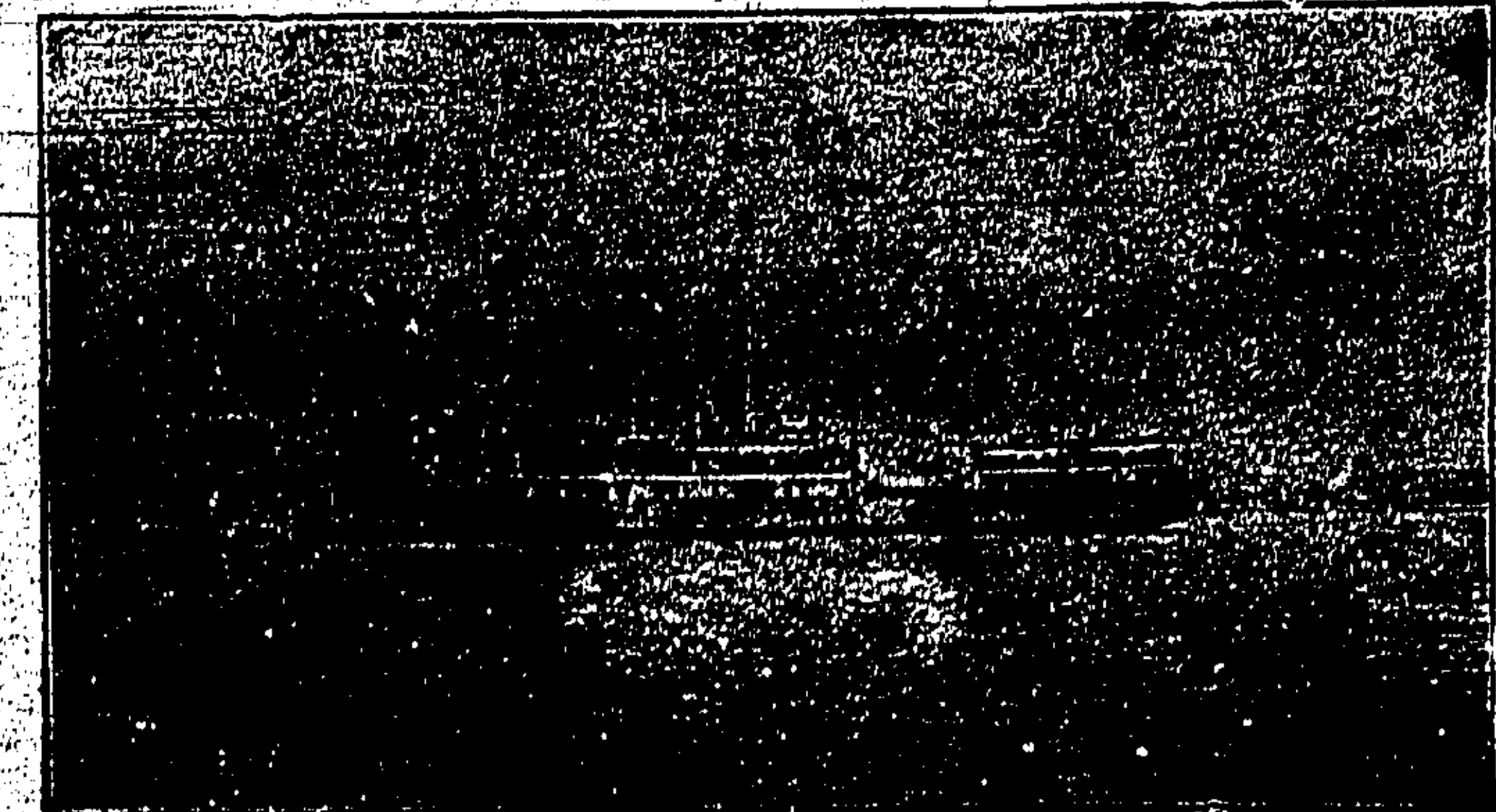
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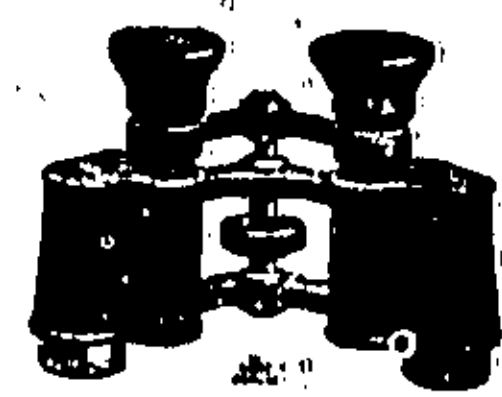
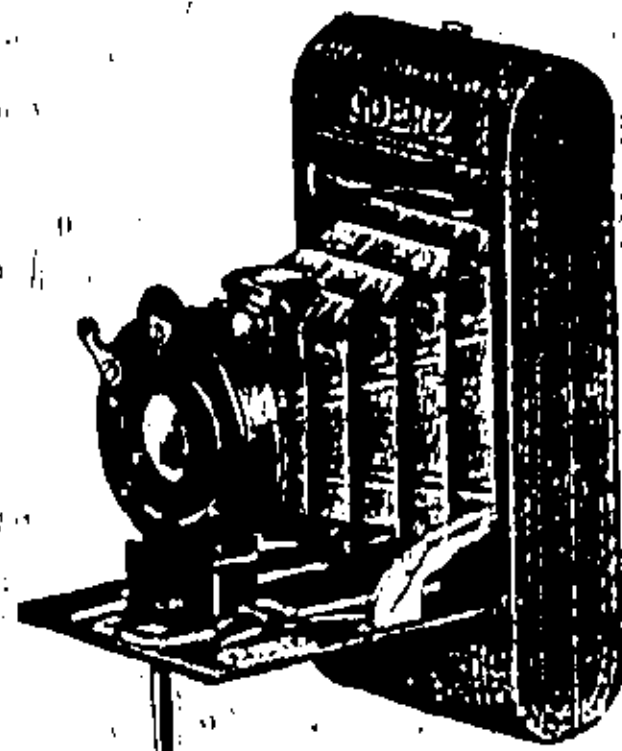
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INTERESTING APPOINTMENT.

The "China Mail" is authorised to
state that the Rt. Rev. Bishop
Valtorta (Bishop of Leros and
Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong) has
appointed the Rev. Fr. Augustin
Placzek to be rector of St.
Margaret's Church, Broadwood,
Road, Happy Valley.

Father Augustin (as Dr.
Placzek is affectionately known by
all sections of the community, both
Catholic and non-Catholic) has been
rector of St. Joseph's Church,
Garden Road, for the past twenty-
nine years.

Born in Poland, and educated in
Germany and Italy, Father Augustin
arrived in the Colony in 1897
—at the time of the visit of the
German Fleet under H.H. Prince
Henry of Prussia, following the
German occupation of Tientsin.
Possessing a fluent knowledge of
the German language, Father
Augustin was called upon, within
three days of his landing in the
Colony, to conduct special services
for the Catholic members of the
visiting Fleet. These were held at
St. Joseph's Church, and so popu-
lar did the new priest become
among worshippers at that Church,
that Bishop Raimundi, the then
Roman Catholic Bishop of this
diocese, lost no time in nominating
him to the vacant rectorate of St.
Joseph's Church.

Since his arrival here twenty-
nine years ago, Father Augustin
has only left the Colony upon two
occasions. In 1912 he went to
Australia on a ten months' mission,
visiting not only the larger cities,
but out-of-the-way places in the
Australian bush. In 1924, follow-
ing a severe illness, Father
Augustin was sent to Europe by
his medical advisers.

Father Augustin can claim two
records of service during his re-
sidence in Hong Kong. Except dur-
ing his illness and two holidays
(if, indeed, his visit to Australia
in 1912 can be described as such)
he has not missed a single morn-
ing's visit to the French Convent at
Causeway Bay, where he says Mass
every morning at 6 o'clock. This
has necessitated his rising every
morning at 5 o'clock as it is a good
half hour's journey by ricksha from
St. Joseph's Church to Causeway
Bay. Father Augustin was Director
of the Roman Catholic Seminary
for a period of six years (also a
record) during the whole of which
period he never missed a single
class.

The splendid condition of the en-
tire fabric of St. Joseph's Church
is almost solely due to Father
Augustin's initiative and energy.
Having explicit faith in Providence
and the response of his congrega-
tion the venerable priest never
hesitated to embark upon schemes
for the improvement of his Church.
St. Margaret's Church, Happy
Valley, where Father Augustin
will commence his ministry on New
Year's Day (The Circumcision) is a
handsome structure standing on the
hill-side. Built almost entirely of
granite, and of a size proportionate
to the growing population of the
district, St. Margaret's, which cost
\$186,000, was opened three years
ago, the present Bishop (Father
Valtorta as he then was) being the
first rector.

The Rev. Fr. A. Riganti, K.E.S.,
organist and precentor of the
Roman Catholic Cathedral, is to
succeed Father Augustin as rector
of St. Joseph's Church.

R.A. CHRISTMAS.

REGIMENTAL CHILDREN
ENTERTAINED.

The Royal Artillery Children's
Christmas party was held in the
R.E. theatre, Wellington Bar-
racks, last Thursday afternoon.
The children of the Regiment
were introduced to various games,
such as Aunt Sally, Shute,
Skittles, Electric Shock, etc. The
Shute and Aunt Sally were most
popular and caused considerable
amusement, both to the children
and also to the grown-ups.

The games were followed by
tea, when everyone did full
justice to the excellent fare pro-
vided.

After tea came the distribu-
tion of presents from the Christ-
mas Tree, which was tastefully
decorated.

The distribution of presents
was made by Mrs. Robinson, wife
of Lt.-Col. Robinson, R.A.
The Party then settled down to
a Cinema programme, wherein
Charles Chaplin and Felix the Cat
highly delighted the children.

The proceedings were arranged
by the presence of Lady Clement,
Mrs. Edward (wife of the G.O.C.
of the Troops S.O.C.) Lt.-Col. W. A.
Edmeades, D.S.O., R.A., and offi-
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SHANGHAI TOPICS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Dec. 21.
Yesterday saw quite a con-
stellation of be-galtered ecclesi-
astics—there were actually four,
quite a record—at Holy Trinity
Cathedral, whilst the multi-
coloured hoods of the dozen or so
clergy of minor rank who were
present, gave quite a gay aspect
to the interior of Sir Gilbert
Scott's otherwise sombre edifice.
The occasion, of course, was the
visit of the Bishop of London.

The Cathedral was crowded to
its utmost capacity: long before
the hour of service every seat was
full and many people stood all
through the service.

His Lordship, who only arrived
here on Saturday, leaves to-day
for Hong Kong where, I under-
stand, he is to make a much
longer sojourn. Dr. Ingram's
silvery hair, keen, kindly eyes,
and benign expression satisfied
one's ideas of what a prelate
ought to look like. The golf socks
beneath his overcoat revealed the
sportsman. His Lordship had
tiffin on the boat, in order that
he might lose no time in getting
at his foursome of golf. Old
Marburians in Shanghai had
hoped to have entertained the
Bishop, but unfortunately the
limit of his stay prevented this.

Our Land Owners.

An important step in regard
to matters of a public and semi-
public nature which affect prop-
erty has been taken by the for-
mation of an association of
owners and agents of property in
Shanghai.

At a meeting held on Tuesday,
Mr. A. W. Burkill, in proposing
the formation of such an associa-
tion, emphasised the fact that
one of the main functions of the
association would be to work in
conjunction with the two Muni-
cipal Councils and that the idea
was in no way antagonistic to
the authorities.

It was unanimously decided
that an association be formed and
a representative committee was
appointed which will report to
another meeting to be held at a
later date which all property
owners in Shanghai will be in-
vited to attend.

The War Situation.

Needless to say, with the
Cantonese forces a few miles
from Shanghai—they are
actually in occupation of Kiu-
kiang—the situation locally, espe-
cially in the native cities, is very
strained. So many generals have
come and gone during the past
few years, that we are prepared
for even the most unexpected.
The air is heavily charged. Can-
ton—the enfant terrible, pre-
cocious, high-spirited, slightly
dizzy with the strong wine of
success—is waiting breathlessly,
with every fibre vibrating, keyed
up to the highest pitch of ex-
pectancy; for Fengtien, this last
stronghold of the reactionists,
though faltering and hesitating,
is at last moving down her armed
hordes, half a million strong,
determined to crush this chal-
lenging upstart. Is the Canton-
ese Army to be swamped by this
stampede? That is the question.
As a Chinese writer so aptly puts
it, is it to be another version of
that memorable encounter on the
banks of Kedron where the
diminutive David slew the re-
doubtable Goliath in Israel's war
of liberation?

A Loss to Shanghai.

By the departure of Mr. Henry
Crombie, the Far Eastern Man-
ager of the Phoenix Assurance
Company, Ltd., who is sailing for
Home to-day, the insurance world
of Shanghai loses one of its most
prominent figures. Mr. Crombie
is retiring on a well-earned pen-
sion after no less than 35 years'
service in the foreign field.

Owing mainly to the demands
of business and his frequent
absence on tours of inspection of
the Far East, Mr. Crombie has
not found time to identify him-
self to any great extent with the
public affairs of the Settlement,
but in the world of sports he has
always been a keen golfer, and
as a racing enthusiast he was
generally to be found on the
Shanghai course. He has owned
ponies from time to time, but,
unfortunately, his colours have
never been carried by a winner.

The Interport Rugger Matches.
The disappointment that was
occasioned upon receipt of the
news that, on account of the ill-
ness of H.M. the Emperor of
Japan, the visit to Japan had to
be cancelled, has been intensified
by the news from Hong Kong
that, owing to so short a notice,
it is impossible for the Hong
Kong R.F.C. to get together an
Interport team. All local Rugger
enthusiasts had hoped that our
offer to send a team to Hong Kong
for the Christmas holidays would

CHINA POLICY.

SUMMARY OF BRITISH
MEMORANDUM.

NATIONALISM RECOGNISED.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

The British memorandum be-
gins by recounting the principles
agreed at Washington, with a
view to safeguarding the
integrity and independence of
China, granting increases of
tariff and paving the way to
ultimate abolition of extraterritoriality.

During the four years since
elapsed, the whole situation has
been changed by the civil war,
the steady progress of dis-
integration, the decline of any
authority in Peking and the up-
rise of the Nationalist party in
Canton.

The Nationalist movement has
attained such dimensions that
"any failure to meet it with
sympathy and understanding"
would be contrary to the spirit
of the Washington conference.

Constructive Policy.

Great Britain therefore pro-
poses that the Washington
Powers issue a statement re-
counting the facts of the situa-
tion and declaring their readi-
ness to "negotiate on treaty re-
vision and all other outstanding
questions" when the Chinese have
constituted an established govern-
ment.

At the same time they should
proclaim a constructive policy
"developed and adapted to meet
the altered situation of the time."
In this they should declare them-
selves in favour of tariff auto-
nomy and strongly disclaim any
idea of forcing foreign control
upon China in any respect what-
ever.

It is stipulated that the Chi-
nese must show that respect for
the sanctity of treaties "which
is a primary obligation common
to all civilised States." At the
same time the Powers should
recognise the justice of China's
claim for revision of treaties and
should modify their insistence on
"the letter of Treaty rights."

During the prolonged period of
uncertainty the Powers should
endeavour to promote develop-
ments in China according to the
realities of the situation. They
should abandon the policy of in-
effective protest over minor mat-
ters; reserving protest, which
should then be made effective by
united action only for cases
where vital interests are at
stake.

Customs Surtaxes.

Certain recommendations of the
Extrality Commission's re-
port can be carried out now, says
the memorandum.

The step of most immediate
importance is to "undo the evil
results that have flowed from the
failure of the Tariff Conference
to implement the promises made
at Washington," with regard to
an increase in the tariff.

The memorandum goes on to
point out that Great Britain has
always strongly objected to the
attitude of other delegates at the
Tariff Conference that the sur-
taxes must be put under foreign
control and used for the consolida-
tion of China's unsecured debts.

Great Britain was always
against any extension of foreign
control in respect to surtaxes.
Therefore, she "strongly urges
that the Powers should now au-
thorise the levy of the Washing-
ton surtaxes—unconditionally
throughout China."

This may be contrary to the
wording of the treaties, but it
must be recognised that the latter
are in many respects out of date.

A Note To America.

With the memorandum is
issued an annex addressed by the
British Government to the United
States on May 28, emphasising
Britain's opposition to pledging
the surtaxes for unsecured debts,
as also to any foreign control
over the surtaxes, and arguing
that any reasonable promise
made by China in respect of un-
secured debts should be accepted
by the Powers.—Reuter.

UNWANTED POLITICIAN.

London, Dec. 19.

The India Office has refused the
application for a passport to India
by Mr. Saklatvala, the Communist
M. P. for Battersea.—Wireless
through Reuter.

DOMINIONS.

"Cannibalism, not the result of
hunger, but following a cere-
monial practice, is reported to
exist in Northern Australia.
After a tribal fight a well-
nurtured girl is sometimes sacri-
ficed."

have been accepted. As it is,
some good games are being ar-
ranged locally, but with the pro-
mising new talent to which I
have referred in previous letters,
the break-down of the Interport

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DEATH.

FURCELL.—On December 22, 1926,
at Shanghai, Mary Furcell.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1926.

BRITISH POLICY.

The British memorandum has
now been published in Hong Kong
in summary form, but it is pre-
mature to make any considered
comment until the whole text is
available. However, whatever
opinions may be formed regarding
the details, there can be only one
opinion regarding the memoran-
dum as a gesture—it is to be wel-
comed as the first step towards
securing a common policy among
the Powers of friendliness and
justice to the Chinese people.
That a common policy is needed
scarcely needs pointing out, since
the drifting seen to date is fair
neither to the nationals of the
Powers nor to the Chinese people.
Both are entitled to know where
they stand, and while differences
of opinion are bound to exist no
matter what policy is finally set-
tled upon, even the side which
considers it is the one that has
lost will feel a compensating sat-
isfaction in knowing where it
stands. The British memoran-
dum, it should be clearly under-
stood, does not represent that
final policy, being merely a Note
to the other interested Powers to
offer a basis for discussions to
reach a common policy. Whether
the memorandum is accepted or
not—and there seem to be points
in it which are open to possible
criticism—its value as a gesture
cannot be too highly praised, since

in the first place it demonstrates
again the sincere desire of the
British Government to help the
Chinese people, and in the second
place it provides a starting point
for discussions among the Powers
for a common policy, which will
help to put the country on its feet
and at the same time see that
justice is conceded in return to
the Powers themselves.

Fire Fighting.

The Kowloon Fire Brigade
were "under fire" in a double
sense last night, and only through
luck was the Peninsula saved
from the biggest conflagration in
its history. The Brigade did good
work—within certain limits.

Any credit due to it reflects
favourably on the Kowloon Super-
intendent, Mr. Saunders, whose
acquaintance with the Chinese
language was instrumental in
lightening the task of the whole
Brigade. On such occasions out-
side help may not always be ap-
preciated, but the great services
rendered by some naval men and
civilians at critical moments of
last night's blaze proved very
acceptable. Incidentally it
evokes a suggestion that more
civilians might be found willing
to supplement the professional
"fire fighters" in an emergency.
Had these been forthcoming in
greater numbers the flames would
never have been permitted to
spread to the fifth
house. It is not gener-
ally known, moreover, that one of
the houses opposite caught fire
through a stray spark. But for
the promptitude of a Brigade
officer the whole of this
block might have been
doomed for the Chinese
inmates, as usual, fled in panic
without attempting to subdue the
flames. As a whole the Brigade
worked well, although in some
instances it appeared to the ordi-
nary and disinterested spectator as
if orders were issued by one
officer, only to be overridden by
another. Divided control again?

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRITISH INCOME TAX
CLAIMS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]
Sir,—May I draw the atten-
tion of your readers to the fact
that the above claims for the
financial year 1926/27, which is
the first year for which they can
be preferred, must be definitely
lodged with the Inland Revenue
Authorities here by April 5 next.
After that date these claims will
become statute-barred.

Yours, etc.,
WILFRED T. FAY,
13 Buckingham Palace Gardens,
London, S.W. 1.

Mr. Tong Shao-yi, the veteran
Chinese diplomat and statesman,
has returned to Shanghai from a
tour in the south.

MISS OWEN'S CLAIM.

LATE LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S WILL.

ACTION DISMISSED.

London, Dec. 10. A case arising out of Lord Northcliffe's will, in which 18 counsel were engaged and whose cost is estimated at £50,000, concluded today in the Chancery Division with an agreed judgment and with costs for the defendants, who included Lord Rothermere and Sir George Sutton.

The plaintiff, Miss Owen, who was Lord Northcliffe's Private Secretary, asked for an order to set aside the agreement under which Sir George Sutton, as administrator of Lord Northcliffe's estate, had sold 400,000 Associated Newspapers shares to Lord Rothermere for £4 apiece, alleging that this was below their real value.

The trial had aroused considerable interest owing to the underlying implication that several prominent public men were guilty of breach of trust. But the Judge finally intervened. He questioned the wisdom of the plaintiff in proceeding further.

Counsel for the plaintiff thereupon conferred with Miss Owen, who concurred in the action being dismissed.

Counsel himself added that he was completely satisfied that there were no grounds for the allegations as regards Lord Rothermere and Sir George Sutton.

RANCHER PEER.

SENSATIONAL DIVORCE ACTION.

ACTRESS WIFE PREFERS L'DON

London, Dec. 7. The divorce case against a Peer who preferred "roughing it" on a Canadian ranch to living in London and sitting in the House of Lords, concluded its first stage by the judgment of Lord Merrivale that a British Court was competent to hear the action which Lord Chylesmore opposed on the ground that he was domiciled in Canada.

Respondent's Counsel said both parties lodged an application in the Canadian Courts. Her Ladyship lodged a further case in an English Court.

They were married in 1915 when she was a chorus girl from Tasmania and he was an officer in the Grenadier Guards.

The wife's affidavit insisted that the home in Canada was only temporary and described it as a bungalow, ill-furnished and uncomfortable.

She asserted that her mother-in-law wanted to get rid of her, especially as she was unlikely to have a child, which was also a reason why the marriage was unhappy. Her husband was always taunting her in that respect.

Lord Chylesmore's Counsel said respondent was not suited to life in London. He had endeavoured to persuade the Duke of Norfolk and other friends, also his family, to join him in building up a community. In fact, he would have been a veritable patriarch.

The Judge today decided that ranching in another country did not necessarily involve severance from England. Therefore, the proceedings would continue.

FLIGHT TO INDIA.

AIR MINISTER AT MARSEILLES.

Marseilles, Dec. 27. The third Cairo-Karachi aeroplane, with Sir Samuel and Lady Hoare on board arrived here at 3.45 in the afternoon.

Sir Samuel Hoare stated that the journey is progressing very satisfactorily under very good conditions.

The aeroplane will leave early in the morning.—Reuter.

Earlier Messages.

London, Dec. 27. The Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, departed from Croydon just after dawn on the flight to India, accompanied by his wife, undertaking the longest flight made by a woman.

Their Majesties telegraphed "Bon voyage, a successful visit and safe return home."

The party aboard totals ten. It is expected that the flight, with stops, will take at least a fortnight.—Reuter.

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DIVORCE REPORTS.

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS MEASURE.

ANIMATED DISCUSSION.

London, Dec. 10. An animated discussion in the House of Commons today ended in the reading for the third time, without discussion, of the Judicial Proceedings (Regulation of Reports) Bill, the object of which is to prevent the publication of certain matter in connection with divorce cases which might be injurious to public morals.

Asked whether the introduction of foreign newspapers containing matter, the publication of which was prohibited under the Bill, would constitute an offence, the Solicitor-General refrained from expressing a conclusive opinion. He said the question could be argued in the Law Courts, but he thought that people responsible for the introduction of such newspapers might conceivably be charged with publication within the meaning of the Act.

The Solicitor-General also argued that a reporter responsible for sending offending material abroad might properly be charged if his material was returned to Great Britain in imported foreign or Dominion newspapers.

Reports Abroad.

Sir H. Slessor, K.C. (Labour) moved an amendment to the subsection dealing with the publication of offending material abroad which should not apply to publications imported into Great Britain.

He pointed out that the Bill contemplated judicial proceedings anywhere. A world trial in Berlin or Paris might be reported in a publication imported into Great Britain. Thus, practically every foreign newspaper publishing proceedings of a matrimonial kind would be imperilled.

Sir Ellis Hume Williams (Conservative) seconded the amendment. Mr. Rhys Davis (Labour) opposed the amendment, declaring that if the amendment was carried most of the British newspapers would be printed abroad.

Colonel Wedgwood Benn (Liberal) displayed copies of Canadian, Australian and French newspapers which he said might be affected by the Bill. He said it was vital for the creation of free opinion in Great Britain that we should have access to these newspapers.

The Solicitor-General promised that the law would be administered in a commonsense fashion, after which Sir H. Slessor's amendment was negatived without a division.

TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

THRILLING STRUGGLE IN QUICKSAND.

A COMPANION'S LOYALTY.

London, Dec. 11. A frightful death was averted yesterday by a Lancashire workman's loyalty to his mate.

Two men were digging a deep drainage trench at a house near Manchester yesterday evening when they suddenly reached a patch of quicksand and were immediately caught in it, one sinking to the waist.

Two Fire Brigades arrived with life lines, timber and oil flares and began an eight-hour struggle to extricate the men.

Through the bitter cold night a doctor gave the men injections, but one of them was sucked down till only the top of his head was visible. A special air passage was made for him.

The other man could have been easily extricated, but he gamely endured his terrible position as his removal would most probably have caused his companion's instant death.

Eventually both were rescued. Their first request was for cigarettes.

VISIT TO MADRAS.

SWEDISH ROYALTIES' TOUR.

Madras, Dec. 11. Their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden, who are touring India with the view to studying the activities of the Swedish Mission in this country, arrived in Madras this morning from Tanjore by special train, and were accorded a warm welcome by the Swedish Mission workers and people of Madras.

The Governor's Military Secretary and two A.D.C.'s, accompanied by some other dignitaries, received the Royal visitors.

They will stay at Government House as guests of the Governor till this evening, when they will leave for Bangalore and proceed to Calcutta on the 14th.

STEAMER LOSSES.

PASSENGERS WHO TEAR UP SHEETS.

TO USE AS FANCY DRESS.

London, Dec. 9. A variant of the old query—where do flees go in the winter time?—was put forward by Lord Inchcape, presiding at the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company's meeting, namely, where do pillows go after a voyage?

Lord Inchcape, by means of statistics cited the enormous cost of replacing glasses and crockery, but the cost of the replacement of linen went into a fabulous sum.

He heard that ladies frequently utilised pillows at the end of a voyage to make bootbags, and said he consulted a lady who frequently travelled by the Company's steamers. She remarked: "What an excellent idea. I never thought of that."

He was sorry he spoke, but he knew a definite case of a man cutting up sheets to make a fancy dress for a dance.

STRANGE INCIDENT.

DEAD DOG IN DIPLOMATIC VALISE.

M. POINCARÉ'S REVELATION.

London, Dec. 10. Paris.—"Only once was a diplomatic courier illegally used, namely, when the body of a dead dog was found in a diplomatic valise."

Thus M. Poincaré, in the Chamber, replying to Socialist criticism regarding excessive expenditure in the Rhineland and the High Commissioner's misuse of a diplomatic courier, explained that a high official in the Rhineland had sent a dog to his wife who loved the animal. He added: "I lacked the courage to condemn him." The Chamber cheered in sympathy.

VIOLENT PRISONERS.

MURDEROUS ATTACKS IN JAILS.

Rangoon, Dec. 11. Three prisoners attacked the manager and the foreman of the boot factory, in Insein jail yesterday evening, with knives and other weapons.

The jail foreman succumbed to his injuries on the spot, and the manager was removed to hospital, where he is lying in a precarious condition.

Several prisoners have been arrested and the inquiry is proceeding. In Rangoon jail yesterday evening one convict attacked another with a chisel in the jail workshop. The latter was removed to hospital, where he died this morning.

JOSE COLLINS.

PROMISES PAYMENT IN FULL.

London, Dec. 10. The public examination concluded today at the Bankruptcy Court of Miss Jose Collins, whose married name is Lady Robert Innes Kerr, when it was announced that she had banking liabilities of £4,955 and assets of £296. Counsel for the Trustee said that the debtor intended paying her debts in full.

BURNING SCHOONER.

Washington, Dec. 20. The Navy Department has been advised that the coast guard schooner which recently burned southwest of Cape Lookout lightship off the North Carolina coast, was destroyed and that six lives were lost. Two members of the crew were rescued. It is believed the fire was caused by an explosion.

BONUS FOR STEEL WORKERS.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 18. The steel mill workers and office employees of the United States Steel corporation have learned they are to share in the \$200,000,000 stock dividend declared by the concern. The big melon represents 40 per cent. of the capitalisation of the corporation.

On a charge of having obtained £12 by false pretences in connection with an inter-county club for Lancashire and Yorkshire people in Manchester, to be formed from a £5,000 appeal fund, Milton Jagger, formerly a Socialist member of the Manchester City Council, was remanded on bail at Manchester.

WETS' ATTACK.

MEASURES TO MODIFY DRY LAW.

FIRST FORMAL MOVE.

Washington, Dec. 18. Wet members of the House of Representatives to-night made their first formal move toward introduction of a composite prohibition modification measure.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the Anti-Saloon league issued a broadside against those members of Congress who successfully eliminated a half million dollars from the Treasury appropriation bill which was to have defrayed the expenses of under cover prohibition agents.

Representative Hill of Maryland, a wet leader, has completed the draft of a Bill for immediate introduction, which would amend the prohibition act to permit the manufacture and sale of beverages which "are not in fact intoxicating as determined in accordance with the law of the respective states."

In an accompanying statement Mr. Hill said the modification committee would consider this and similar Bills after New Year and one Bill will then be recommended to the House.

In another statement Mr. Wheeler of the anti-Saloon league said: "Elimination of the under cover item is an attempt to starve prohibition out so it can not catch liquor mice."

ENGINEERING.

BETTER CHINA TIMES COMING.

Prospects for engineers in China were discussed by Mr. R. L. Sargeant in a lecture delivered before the Junior Institution of Engineers recently.

Mr. Sargeant gave an idea of the difficulties, both racial and technical, which kept the conditions of life in China in so elementary a state. There was entire lack of co-operation amongst the Chinese, he said, and there were no real practical engineers. There were some highly trained technical men, but they were of a class that would be horrified at the mere idea of soiling their hands with manual labour. It might be thought that, in those circumstances, there would exist golden opportunities for foreign engineers to take public works in hand, and there were no doubt many Chinese who would be only too glad to see this take place. That, unfortunately, was where racial prejudice came in, and the anti-foreign feeling of the uneducated masses rendered outside assistance extremely difficult of application. Even when influential Chinese did promote public schemes for lighting, etc., the installation of the necessary plant, maintenance and depreciation were items grossly neglected, so that the undertaking did not endure for long. However, the present disturbances would pass over, and in a very few years progress would be made.

Mr. Sargeant gave in his lecture, and also as answers to specific questions from members, particulars of the training, experience, and duties required from young engineers for different parts of China, and also described the kind of life in these parts and its cost.

POLICY IN CHINA.

ADVICE TO RECOGNISE CANTON.

HOME PAPER'S VIEWS.

Lord Balfour's speech about China in the House of Lords indicates that the policy of this country is at the moment purely negative, remarks the "Manchester Guardian." His description of the situation was, in essentials, true enough. There is a Central Government at Peking, but it is so only in name; its writ scarcely runs outside the walls of the capital, and it is entirely dependent on the goodwill of the Northern generals. There is also a Cantonese army which is advancing from the south, and no one has the slightest idea how far it can, or will, advance. This Cantonese army is opposed in the first place by the Warlord of Shanghai, who more or less controls four provinces, and it is assisted by the Christian General Feng, who, after being for some months in eclipse, is now reported to hold two provinces on his own account. Meanwhile the Peking Government, about which no one professes to care very much, has denounced the treaty by which China granted extraterritorial rights to Belgium, and in the South the Canton Government has imposed surtaxes on foreign goods and proposes to collect them without regard to the Imperial Maritime Customs, who have that duty under China's treaties. The Powers simply wait and watch. Lord Balfour was, of course, right in saying that we cannot interfere; China must settle her troubles for herself. But that does not mean that we should not be prepared with a definite policy according as the settlement which she makes goes one way or another. The Cantonese Government is firmly established in the South; have we considered, along with the other Powers, that the moment may come when the wisest policy would be to accept and recognise it as a Government within its own area? It would indeed imply a revolution in the China that we know and in the relations between the foreign Powers and China if, instead of having one State and Government, we had several. But it looks very much as though some such organisation is most likely to be evolved from the present confusion, and most likely also to give to China the peace and recuperation that she sadly lacks.

XMAS TRAGEDIES.

TWO ROYAL NAVY MEN DROWNED.

On Sunday (Dec. 26), Lt. J. H. Topp, R.N., a new arrival on the station, was drowned at Kongmoon. He was in command of H.M.'s armed launch "Nessus" which is posted to that part of the West River delta for conveying Hong Kong river boats on the Wuchow run.

On Christmas Day, Able Seaman Elcher (lent for duty by H.M.S. "Moth") also met his death by drowning through falling overboard.



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2 qts. King George IV White Label or Perfection Whisky	1 qt. Burgundy
	1 phial Pomeranzen Bitters

No. 2 HAMPER—\$34.

1 qt. Gullermet Champagne	2 qts. Tawny Dry Port
1 pt. D.O.M.	2 qts. St. Julien Claret
1 qt. Burgundy	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
1 qt. Martell's XXX Brandy	1 qt. Vino de Pasto Sherry
2 qts. King George IV W.L. or Perfection Whisky	2 qts. Medoc Claret
	1 phial Pomeranzen Bitters

No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

1 qt. Burgundy	1 qt. Engrand's XXX Brandy
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According to Reuter cables
from the North, Marshal Chang
Tao-lin left Tientsin for Peking
at eleven yesterday morning and
is now in the capital.H.M.S. "Emerald" (Captain
H. T. England, R.N.) was expected
to arrive at Singapore at 8 p.m.
on November 20 from Trincomali,
and to leave the following morning
for Hong Kong.Eight Angora rabbits, spot-
lessly white, nine silver grey
rabbits, 100 canaries, yellow as a
guinea, pedigree terriers and
bulldogs, and a coop of racing
pigeons made a picturesque col-
lection of livestock shipped by
the White Star liner "Regina," at
Liverpool, for Canada.Persistent reports are cur-
rent that Lieut.-General Sir
Henry Chauvel will be appointed
Governor of Queensland, but are
not confirmed officially. A year
has elapsed since Sir Matthew
Nathan's term concluded. Lieut.-
General Chauvel would be the first
native-born Australian Governor.
Sir Matthew Nathan is a former
Governor of Hong Kong.H.M.S. "Ambrose" was ex-
pected at Singapore from
Colombo at 6 p.m. on November
20 and was stay there until De-
cember 27. The "Ambrose" is a
depot ship for submarines, attach-
ed to the 4th submarine flotilla
and is well-known in Hong Kong
waters. The week's stay gives
the ship's company the oppor-
tunity of spending Christmas
ashore.Oxford University proctors
have been giving attention to
the question of cocktail drinking
by undergraduates in restaurant
and hotel bars. It is stated that in-
vestigations have led to the dis-
covery of an increase in cocktail
drinking among undergraduates,
but that the recent activities of
the proctors has put a check on a
habit which is often expensive, as
if an undergraduate is found
drinking in a bar he may be fined
£1 by the university authorities.
Proctors have inspected books
showing the sales of wines and
spirits at undergraduate clubs.The Colony had a clean bill of
health during the four days ended
yesterday.Only Saturday (New Year's
Day) is declared a Bank Holiday,
when the local exchange banks will
be closed to public business.Sir Harry Lauder has sent an
ultimatum to wireless singers warn-
ing them against performing those
songs in which he has rights.The collections at St. John's
Cathedral on Christmas Day,
which, as in previous years, will
be devoted to the general funds of
the Diocesan Schools, amounted to
\$710.48.By the spring of 1928 it is ex-
pected that a new 12-storey 400-
room hotel will be built in Quebec,
at a cost of about 2,000,000 dollars.
A United States syndicate is be-
hind the project.From Mr. V. Rupchand, manag-
ing Proprietor of the Pioneer Silk
Store, the "China Mail" has receiv-
ed a Christmas Card embellished
with a view of the famous Taj
Mahal.The service at 6 p.m. to-morrow
at St. John's Cathedral, though
primarily for Church Workers, is
open to all. On Thursday the
Bishop is addressing a service for
men at the Cathedral at 9.30 p.m.The Canadian Press pays tri-
bute to the devotion to duty of the
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
patrols within the Arctic Circle,
which have supported Canada's
claims to the extreme north by
actual settlement within 600 miles
of the Pole.Further investigations have
revealed that, in addition to the
goods already mentioned, the
thieves who broke into Messrs.
Whiteaway, Laidlaw's premises
on Christmas Day, also got away
with some fifty yards of good
quality gabardine—material cost-
ing \$7.50 per yard, whilst a
quantity of high-grade velour hats
costing \$22.50 each was also in-
cluded in the haul.According to information
from Moscow, the late M. Krasin
has left a sum of about \$5,000,000
in European banks, which his
wife and daughters will inherit.Bucharest dispatches say it
has been decided to take King
Ferdinand of Rumania to Paris
for treatment at a radium sani-
tarium. The king was reported
to be suffering from cancer.A Rangoon message says
that George Forest, late Secretary
to the Mayo Marine Institute, has
been sentenced to six months'
rigorous imprisonment for
criminal breach of trust in respect
of Rs. 4,076.During construction work on
the electric railway between
Batavia and Tanjong Priok a
number of workmen received a
shock and suffered from burns.
Nine were taken to hospital, but
they are now reported to be out
of danger.The latest addition to the
Straits Steamship Company's
fleet of steamers, the "Trenoh,"
has now been completed at the
Sungei Nyok Dockyard says the
"Straits Echo." She is a sister-
ship of the "Ampong" and the
"Tajah" and is about 74 tons and
is an oil burner.The death took place under
tragic circumstances, at Teluk
Anson, of Mr. Aubrey Walpole,
resident engineer in charge of
Huttenbach, Lazarus and Co.,
Ltd., Teluk Anson. Mr. Walpole
was found dead in his bungalow
in the town with a bullet wound
in his head. No foul play is
suspected.A party of four Europeans,
Mr. and Mrs. J. Elliot and Mr.
and Mrs. Rupert, had a remark-
able escape from serious injury in
a night motor accident at Singa-
pore. They were returning from
Katong in a hire car, and in
Tanjong Katong Road the car ran
into the ditch and was completely
wrecked. There was nothing else
in the road, and the only explana-
tion is that the driver fell asleep.
All the occupants were severely
bruised but did not suffer worse
injury.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The King has approved the ap-
pointment of Sir Stanley Fisher
to be Chief Justice of Ceylon.The marriage has taken place
of Mr. Charles Delmar Cavendish,
formerly of the P. and O. Com-
pany, with Miss Marguerite
Moreau.Mr. Amery has selected Major
Hubert Winthrop Young, of the
Indian Army, who has been serv-
ing for some years in the Colonial
Office, for the appointment of
Colonial Secretary at Gibraltar.A very pretty wedding was
seen at St. Andrew's Cathedral,
Singapore, the contracting
parties being Mr. John Carson
Cuthbert, of Harrison's, Barker
and Co., Singapore, and Miss
Margaret Fawcett, stepdaughter
of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hewitt, of
Singapore.The Bishop of London, who is
expected in Singapore early
in January in the course of a tour
round the world, is to be enter-
tained to dinner by the clergy and
prominent members of the laity
in Malaya. Perak will in all prob-
ability be represented in the per-
son of Mr. F. J. Bryant, who, it
is interesting to note, was a con-
temporary of his lordship's at
Marlborough.The following appointments were
made by the Admiralty on Novem-
ber 19:—Lieut.-Comdr. J. A.
Douglas-Hamilton, to "Mantis,"
addl. (January 15); and in com-
mand (undated); H. Hamilton, to
"Cricket," addl. (January 15); and
in command (undated). The fol-
lowing appointment was made by
the Admiralty on November 23:—
Capt. J. B. Glencross, D.S.O., to
"Titanic," addl. (January 27), and
in command, and as Capt. (S.), 4th
Submarine Flotilla (on joining).The following deaths were an-
nounced in mail week:—Capt. Harry
Brooke, youngest son of Sir Charles
Brooke, second, Rajah of Sarawak,
Borneo, and brother of the present
ruler—in a London nursing home.
Mr. Joseph Mooney, aged 75, of
Dublin, chairman of the Dublin
United Tramways Co. and a direc-
tor of "Independent Newspapers
Ltd." Alderman Fred Young, J.P.,
aged 83, "father" of the Bath City
Council and for 29 years chairman
of the Bath Markets Committee.
Vice-Admiral Arthur Calvert
Clarke, who served in Abyssinia in
1888 and in China in 1901; at
Aigiers, aged 78.The King has approved the ap-
pointment of Sir Sydney Net-
leton to be Chief Justice of
Gibraltar.The death has occurred at the
age of ninety-five, of Sir Edward
Holden, former Liberal M.P. for
Walsall, and three times Mayor
of the borough.An official announcement of
the Archbishop of Canterbury's
resignation is expected at the
latest early in the new year, says
the "Daily Express."Mr. Henry Melville Simons,
chairman of Paterson, Simons,
and Co., formerly resident in
Singapore, who died in Septem-
ber, left estate of the value of
£180,523 with net personality
£177,258.Mr. Tom Clarke, who was at
one time a junior reporter on the
"South China Morning Post" and,
later, editor of the "Herald,"
Melbourne, is now managing
editor of the "Daily News,"
London.The engagement is announced of
Mr. Alistair Monteith Gill, 25,
eldest son of Sir Alexander Gibb,
consulting engineer to the Ad-
miralty for the Singapore naval
base, and Lady Diana King, 24,
youngest daughter of the Earl and
Countess of Levesale.

YESTERDAY'S WEDDING.

The Cathedral of the Immacu-
late Conception was the scene of
a pretty wedding yesterday
morning, the parties being Miss
Emma Ethel Mercer, daughter
of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mercer;
and Mr. Walter Shillito Vaughan
Curds, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V.
Curds.The Rev. Father Noval offi-
ciated.The bride, who was given away
by Capt. R. Innes, was attired in
a white crepe morocain dress,
trimmed with silver lace, and
carried a bouquet of white roses
and maiden hair fern.Miss Connie Gardner was the
flower girl.
The duties of best man were
carried out by Mr. H. Amann.
The bride and bridegroom left
later in the day for their honey-
moon at White Cottage, Tel. O.
The bride travelling in a beche de
Nive morocain dress with white
hat and coat to match.The death is announced of Mr.
R. S. Beaumont, manager of
Trong estate, which occurred at
the General Hospital, Taiping.
Mr. Beaumont died an hour after
admission to hospital, the cause
of death being cerebral malaria.I noticed the Queen of Spain
at a recent party smoking slender
cigarettes from a tortoiseshell
holder (says a "Daily Express"
writer). The Prince of Wales
has a brand of small cigarette
that he smokes in between dances.
Neither the Queen nor Princess
Mary smokes.Prince George, returning from
China for Christmas, will not
come empty-handed, remarks the
"Glasgow Weekly Herald." He
has a few interesting souvenirs
of his experiences, but before
leaving he was also able to do
some shopping ashore and make
purchases of Chinese pottery
and other cheerful things likely
to make acceptable presents. In
view of the Queen's appreciation
and knowledge of Oriental art,
the Prince's baggage is certain to
contain at least one special
treasure.Mr. Horatio Bottomley, whose
sentence of imprisonment is now
drawing to an end, has already
made plans, says a writer in
"The Yorkshire Evening Post,"
for a weekly journal, with a
strong religious tone that may
surprise his public. "I under-
stand," adds this writer, "that he
has a standing order from a news-
paper magazine for his 'life story'
at an enormous figure. However
great his misdeeds, it is
certain that when Bottomley
comes back to life again, he will
make a bid to become a popular
idol."The death of Sir John Rose
George Sinclair, of Dunbeath, at
Barrock House, Caithness, makes
the actor, Mr. Ronald Norman
John Charles Udy Sinclair, a
baronet, he being the deceased's
nephew and heir (says the
"Star"). Mr. Sinclair has been
attached to the Liverpool Play-
house for the last year or two
and his wife, whom he married
early this year during the Play-
house company's visit to London,
is also an actress, Miss Reba
Ingalls. The late Sir John, cousin
of the late Lord Pentlands, suc-
ceeded his grandfather as seventh
baronet in 1913. He was a
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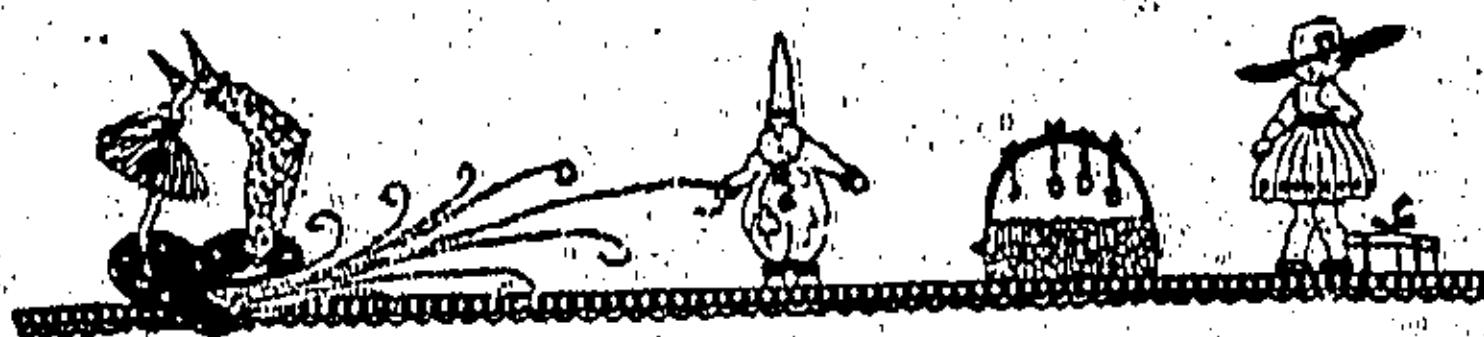
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SCORING LESS ABNORMAL.

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The last of the Christmas holiday soccer matches played at Home yesterday did not provide such abnormal scoring as the batch of Saturday.

There were quite a number of away wins but the number of goals was less than the Christmas Day returns.

In the two sections of division III Millwall and Stockport, both playing before their own supporters, each scored seven times without reply from their opponents. Details follow:—

London, Dec. 27.

Results of the principal soccer matches played in the League to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Birmingham 0, West Ham 2.
Cardiff 2, Arsenal 0.
Derby 2, Bolton 0.
Huddersfield 5, Blackburn 0.
Leeds 1, Newcastle 2.
Liverpool 2, Burnley 2.
Manchester United 2, Tottenham 1.
Sheffield 3, Aston Villa 1.
Sunderland 3, Everton 2.
West Bromwich 0, Leicester 1.

Division II.

Barnsley 3, Darlington 2.
Blackpool 6, Grimsby 2.
Bradford City 1, Wolverhampton 2.
Fulham 1, Reading 2.
Hull 0, Chelsea 1.
Middlesbrough 2, Manchester City 1.
Notts Forest 1, Portsmouth 0.
Port Vale 3, Clapton Orient 0.
Preston N.E. 4, South Shields 0.
Southampton 2, Notts County 0.
Swansea 3, Oldham 0.

Div. III (South).

Bournemouth 2, Newport 1.
Brentford 3, Norwich 0.
Bristol City 2, Aberdeen 1.
Crystal Palace 1, Coventry 2.
Exeter 0, Plymouth 2.
Gillingham 1, Charlton 1.
Merthyr 1, Swindon 2.
Millwall 7, Luton 0.
Northampton 0, Brighton 0.
Southend 2, Bristol Rovers 1.
Watford 1, Queen's Park Rangers 2.

Div. III (North).

Crewe 0, Hartlepool 1.
Durham 2, Accrington 0.
Doncaster 4, Bradford 1.
Lincoln 2, Rochdale 3.
New Brighton 1, Chesterfield 0.
Rotherham 2, Stoke 2.
Southport 0, Halifax 0.
Stockport 7, Barrow 0.
Tranmere 2, Ashington 1.
Wigan 5, Dalsall 2.
Wrexham 2, Nelson 2.

—Reuter.

(There were no games in the Scottish League, division I).

A SMALL BALL.

M.C.C. SECRETARY EXPLAINS POSITION.

HOME CRICKET LEGISLATION

London, Dec. 7.
At the annual meeting of County Secretaries at Lord's to-day, Mr. W. Findlay, secretary of the M.C.C., referring to the size of the cricket ball, said that the M.C.C. did not take the initiative in regard to the alteration.

They were under the impression that the ball conformed to Law 4, but their attention had been drawn to a smaller size of ball used in 1925, and the official report was found to be correct.

The only thing therefore that the M.C.C. could do was to take cognisance of the infringement and insist on the law being observed, or alter the size of the ball. They had consulted counties and it was agreed that for 1926 a reversion to the proper size should be made.

However, at a recent meeting of the Advisory Council it was considered to be in the interest of the game to play with a smaller ball, but he would remind the meeting that any alteration must be passed by the M.C.C. before it could become operative.

HOME BOXING.

ERNIE JARVIS DEFEATS MORACCHINI.

FRENCHMAN RETIRES.

London, Dec. 10.

In the Albert Hall in a 15-round contest at 8 stone, Petit Biquet, the Belgian champion, outpointed Phil Lolsky, of Aldgate.

In a 15-round contest at 8 st. 2 lbs., Ernie Jarvis beat Moracchini, France, who retired at the end of the 11th round.

In the heavy-weight contest, Gipsy Daniels outpointed De Large, Belgium.

SCOTLAND WIN.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL MATCH.

ENGLISH FORWARDS FAIL.

Scotland (winners in the first tournament two years ago) yesterday won the right to meet China in the final of the "Sunday Herald" International (charity) Football Cup, defeating England by 3 goals to 1 before a fair attendance on the H.K.F.C. ground at Happy Valley.

Fine though England's middle line was, the defence failed to cope with the two Alexanders on Scotland's wings. When the England halves did feed their forwards to advantage, the Rose vanguard failed in front of the enemy's citadel. The teams were:—

The Local "Caps."

Scotland:—Rodger Hong Kong F.C.; Gerrard (H.K.F.C.), Gardner (Scotland Borderers); McBride (H.K.F.C.), Stewart (H.K.F.C.), Farlow (H.M.S. "Titanic"); Alexander (H.K.F.C.), Duncan (Kowloon F.C.), McKelvie (Kowloon), McGlinchey (Borderers), the Rev. Alexander (Borderers).

England:—Avery (H.M.S. "Tamar"); Wynne (Police), Bishop (H.K.F.C.), Hudson (Police), Sims (Kowloon), Watson (H.K.F.C.); Brittain (Police), Pulford (Royal Artillery), Linaker (H.K.F.C.), Howard (H.K.F.C.), Hayes (Kowloon).

Referee: Captain Austin. Linesmen: Messrs. McTavish and Lamb.

As a combination, neither side played as well as Portugal did on Saturday and Portugal lost to China.

On the occasions that the English forwards advanced, they were either checked by a steady defence, or else missed by ineffective shooting.

Brilliant Padre.

The Rev. Alexander was particularly prominent from his runs down the left wing. He gave a pass to McKelvie who headed in Scotland's first. Then a long pass from the Padre was returned to the centre by his namesake on the opposite wing and McKelvie made it two up before half-time.

After the change of ends McGlinchey increased the lead, beating Avery with a hard bang along the carpet. The English goalie went down full length but failed to hold the ball. This occurred while Bishop was temporarily absent owing to injury.

Towards the end Britain sent in a corner kick which was placed close to the goal mouth—too close, probably, for an ideal shot, but the leather was rushed in and England reduced the advantage.

Scotland were still attacking at the end but there was no further scoring.

FOR THE DIARY.

Usually the Army and the Royal Navy meet on New Year's Day. This local fixture has, however, been postponed from this Saturday till Jan. 8. Accordingly, on New Year's Day, the following League fixtures will be played, kick-off at 4 p.m.:—

South China v. Chinese Athletic, Sookumpoo ground.

Hong Kong F.C. v. H.M.S. "Tamar," Club ground.

Royal Artillery v. Club de Recreo, St. Joseph's College ground.

During the China New Year holidays, an Interport team of Chinese soccerists from Shanghai is likely to play the representative Chinese team here, in return for a visit the South China A.A. paid to Shanghai a year ago.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

OXFORD V. EDINBURGH.

London, Dec. 8.
Under rugby union rules to-day Oxford University beat Edinburgh University by 18 points to 6; and Cambridge University beat W. Wakefield's XV by 23 points to 14.

County Championship.

London, Dec. 8.
In the rugby county championship results, of to-day's matches were as follows:—

Kent beat Sussex by 16 points to 3, at Blackheath.

North Midlands drew with Notts, Lanes, and Derbyshire, 8 points all at Birmingham.

Hampshire beat Surrey by 21 points to 8, at Richmond.

Leicestershire beat East Midlands by 14 points to 5 at Bedford.

Morris in France.

London, Dec. 9.

Litoge. — The Maoris to-day defeated a selected team from Litoge, Perigord and Agen by 34 points to 7.

OVER THE STICKS.

STEVE DONOGHUE TO RIDE IN STEEPLECHASES.

LICENCE TAKEN OUT.

London, Dec. 10.
It is stated that Steve Donoghue has taken out a National Hunt licence, thus following the example



STEVE DONOGHUE

of Beary, who is the only other prominent flat jockey to ride over fences. Donoghue will have his first mount at Lingfield to-morrow.

ELKY CLARK'S BID.

SCOTTISH CHAMPION BOUND FOR AMERICA.

London, Dec. 9.
Elky Clark left to-day for America for the world's fly-weight contest against Fidel La Barba, at Madison Square, on Jan. 21, accompanied by Johnny Brown, the welterweight, and Geo. Mackenzie, the ex-featherweight champion.

The party was seen off by the Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale.

[Note: This message would indicate, in spite of the previous cables, that Elky Clark's contest with Fidel La Barba is for the fly-weight championship of the world.]

TO RETIRE?

GREGORY TO LEAVE "BIG" CRICKET.

UNANIMOUS REGRET.

Melbourne, Dec. 7.
J. M. Gregory's announcement that he is retiring from big cricket



J. M. Gregory, the Australian

Test match fast bowler, batsman and "crack" slip, owing to business reasons, has caused unanimous expressions of regret in cricketing circles.

PREMATURE "DEATH."

Lord Woolavington, who has been ill at his home, Lavington Park, Petworth, Sussex, for some time, was stated in mail week to be much better, and was able for the first time since his illness to leave his room.

The stewards at the Liverpool race meeting ordered the number of Lord Woolavington's horses to be withdrawn from the Autumn Fox Stakes as news, which proved to be false, was received that the owner had died.

BEAT THE CLOCK.

CLUB V. ARMY CRICKET THRILLS.

BIG SCORING MATCH.

In a gallant race with the clock, and against a big total, the Hong Kong Cricket Club beat the Army by two wickets yesterday in the first of the triangular tournament matches each festive season.

Predictions that the opposing sets of batsmen would triumph over the bowlers were fully borne out, over 500 runs being scored during the day.

The Army set the Club 250 to make to tie. With about 20 minutes to go, Hinton and Gardner hit out at everything that came their way and gloriously succeeded. Of the last ball of the over, Hinton made the winning hit—a four—the scores previously having been level. Spectators who were privileged to see the match were unanimously in favour of cricket not being a dull game to watch.

There were thrills in plenty.

Army Captain's Century.

Earlier in the day, Captain E. W. Morris, I.A.S.C., the inter-port cricketer and golfer and skipper of the soldier's XI, had knocked up a hundred before tiffin. In a 3rd wicket partnership of over 150 runs, he and Captain Evers (who made 78) first of all took the edge off the Club bowling—with its rather slender resources—and then proceeded to lay the foundations of a score which hardly gave the Club a possible chance.

When the Club opened their innings at 3 p.m., the batsmen made it their duty to get runs and not to play themselves in—and they got their runs quickly.

In first and out sixth, A. W. Hayward (also an interporter for both Shanghai and Hong Kong) made 94 out of 189. Ten runs were added and two wickets fell. The struggle became desperate in the failing light but the Club "tail" hit out merrily, providing once more that offence is the best defence.

Hero of the Bowling.

G. R. Vallack, the left-hander, bowled splendidly, stepping into the shoes of Bowker who had an off day because the Army batsmen kept on playing him till he was taken off. Vallack took 8 wickets for only 69 runs—and that with little support from any of the other bowlers bar Bowker Hamilton was injured and retired.

In four consecutive overs he took a wicket with his last delivery. With the first two balls of his next over he finished the innings, getting a scalp with each. He thus took wickets with three consecutive deliveries, the sixth ball of his second last over and the first and second ball of his last over.

Captain Dobbie was again the mainstay of the Army bowling. In 24 overs he had 71 runs scored off him and he took 6 wickets—3 clean bowled and 2 lb.w. He also scored 41.

Neither Morris nor Hayward seemed to give a chance but Evers might have been caught twice during his innings. The fielding was not of the very highest but was good in many respects. Scores:—

The Army.

Capt. Evers, st. Pearce, b. Owen Hughes 78
Lt. Hankey, b. Vallack 1
Capt. C. A. Bridgland, b. Vallack 4
Capt. E. W. Morris, run out: 105
Lt. Wright, b. Vallack 41
Major L. J. Lightfoot, c. sub. b. Vallack 0
Capt. Thorpe, b. Vallack 11
Capt. Bevis, not out 2
Lt. Col. W. A. Edmeades, b. Vallack 3
Mr. Gr. Fogden, b. Vallack 0
Extras 5
Total 250

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Bowker 21 9 79 0
Vallack 17 2 59 8
Sayer 7 2 29 0
Owen Hughes 7 2 48 1
Hinton 3 0 15 0
Hamilton 5 0 15 0

Hong Kong C.C.

A. W. Hayward, b. Dobbie 94
E. J. Mitchell, b. Dobbie 10
H. Owen Hughes, b. Thorpe 32
G. R. Sayer, b. Thorpe 0
T. E. Pearce, c. Wright, b. Dobbie 24
H. R. B. Hancock, lb.w., b. Dobbie 5
G. F. Gardner, not out 23
A. C. I. Bowker, lb.w., b. Dobbie 1
G. R. Vallack, b. Dobbie 1
J. R. Hinton, not out 32
E. W. Hamilton, did not bat 28
Extras 25
Total for 8 wickets 254

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.
Dobbie 24 4 71 8
Hankey 10 0 88 0
Lightfoot 9 0 55 0
Thorpe 8 1 22 2
Wright 4 0 15 0

Other Matches.

K.C.C. LOSE TO ROYAL NAVY.

In an all-day match at Kowloon yesterday, the Kowloon C.C. lost to the Royal Navy by 98 runs.

Scores:—
K.C.C. 174 runs. (W. Brace 51, E. C. Fincher 42, J. C. Lyl 22; Lt. Col. A. S. Cantrell 8 wickets for 41 runs, Lt. Comdr. T. R. Beatty 2 for 55).

Royal Navy 272 runs. (Cantrell 63, Lt. E. Brewerton 30, Pay Lt. Comdr. A. P. Shaw 60, Rev. R. T. Venn 39, Lt. G. Sturgess 23; F. Goodwin 1 for 72, Lyl 2 for 81, N. H. Ross 2 for 45, F. E. Lawrence 1 for 20, A. W. Ramsay 1 for 5).

RECREIO V. H.K.V.D.C.

At King's Park, Club de Recreio played an all-day match with the Volunteers, each side taking two innings. Scores:—

Volunteers 1st 109 runs. C. T. Evans 20, J. A. Summers 30, A. A. Dand 27, M. F. Pinna 4 for 38, C. E. Marques 2 for 25, Alves 3 for 23.

Recreio 1st 61 runs. H. A. Alves 17, F. H. Carvahh 13, D. F. Lopes 15 not out; Summers 4 for 22, C. D. Wales 5 for 14, E. J. Renton 1 for 8.

Volunteers 2nd 70 runs for 6 wickets, dec. H. E. Standage 17, H. J. Armstrong 15, Evans 16; Pinna 3 for 17, Marques 1 for 36, A. P. Gutierrez 1 for 6.

Recreio 2nd 76 runs for 6 wickets. J. W. Barros 20; Wales 4 for 15.

CRAIGENGOWER MATCH.

Married and Single drew yesterday at the Craigengower C.C.

Scores:—
Married 212 runs for 3 wickets, dec. U. M. Omar 64, A. Kitchell 87 not out, Grimes 28.
Single 128 runs for 5 wickets. O. Ismail 35, A. B. Hamson 34 not out, S. Abbas 21; Y. Abbas 2 for 18.

ELECTRIC CO. MATCH.

On the I.R.C. ground at Sookumpoo yesterday, the Indian staff of the Hong Kong Electric Co. beat the European staff.

SUNDAY MATCH.

On Sunday, the Indian R. C. 1st XI drew with the Indian division of St. John Ambulance Brigade. Scores:—

I.R.C. 158 runs. S. A. R. Ismail 76; J. S. A. Curraam took 8 wickets.
Ambulance 70 runs for 4 wickets. A. H. Rumjahn 23 not out; F. M. el Arculli 2 for 6.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.

CHRISTMAS TREE DAY AND PRIZES.

Civil Service Cricket Club at Happy Valley was on fete yesterday on the occasion of the annual Christmas Tree presentation to children and the distribution of prizes.

The kiddies were royally entertained and each got a present. "Clowns" were there to add to the fun.

After giving away the season's sporting trophies, Mrs. J. R. Wood was thanked by Mr. R. R. Wood (speaking on behalf of the committee) and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood suitably replied. Mrs. Wood was presented with a bouquet tied in the Club colours.

The committee for making the arrangements comprised:—Messrs. R. R. Wood, A. T. Strange, R. Smith, N. Maughan, J. Deakin, L. E. Longbottom (secretary), Mrs. Longbottom, Mrs. Maughan and Mrs. Hollidge.

Mr. H. H. Rose was "Father Christmas."

Prizes distributed were:—
Lawn Bowls championship—1, Oswick; 2, Deakin; 3, B. Maughan.
Handicap singles—1, Oswick; 2, Hollidge.
Handicap doubles—1, Lumble and Hollidge; 2, Tacchi and Booker.
Non-prize winners—1, Davies; 2, Strange.

Lawn Tennis championship—1, Dr. Valentine; 2, Major C. G. Willson.
Handicap singles "A"—1, R. White; 2, A. White.
Handicap singles "B"—1, Jones; 2, Harper.

Ladies singles handicap—1, Mrs. Bradbury; 2, Mrs. E. R. Wood.
Ladies doubles—1, Mrs. Bradbury and Mrs. Maasey; 2, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Bennett.
Mixed doubles—1, Mr. and Mrs. Bradbury; 2, A. White and Mrs. Williams.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 28, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.	Settle-Brokers Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	111 3/4	111 3/4	111 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	8 3/4	8 3/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1130	1100 b 1120 s	1130
do. London	1115	—	114 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	121	121 n	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	130 3/4	130 3/4 n	—
do. C.	113 3/4	113 3/4 n	—
P. & O. Bank	194	210 n	—
Bank of East Asia	84	80 s	76 b
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	640	650 n	1640 b
China Underwriters	145	150 n	1,200 b
North China Insurance	1145	140 n	—
Union Insurance	200	200 b 301 s	200 s
Yangtze Insurance	345 M.	40 n	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615	615 b	615 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	28 1/2	28 b 29 s	28 1/2 b
Hongkong Steamboats	26	26 s	26 1/2 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	154	254 n	154 s
Indo-China (Pref)	32	30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)	42	40 n	40 s
Shell Transports	60 1/2	92/3 b	90 1/2 n
Star Ferries	57	57 b 58 s	57 b
Water-borne	15 1/2	15 n	15 1/2 b
Refineries.			
China Sugars	25	23 1/4 b 24 1/4 s	23 1/4 b
Malabon Sugars	36	35 s	36 n
Mining.			
Benguets	140 n x d.	—	—
Kallian Mining Ad.	38 1/2	42 1/2 n	47 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	24 1/2	24 b	24 b
do. (Single)	11 1/2	11 n	—
Shanghai Exploration	74 1/2	74 n	—
Shanghai Loan	78	8 n	—
Raubs	4 1/2	3 1/2 b	3 1/2 n
Tranoh Mines	21 1/2	21 1/2 b	—
Ural Caspians	8 1/2	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	115	110 b 111 s	111 n
H.K. & W. Docks	45	40 b 42 1/4 s	44 s
Hongkows	7170	—	170 n
New Engineerings	7540	5 1/2 b	5 s
Shanghai Docks	7111	110 b	113 s
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	94	84 s	9 s
Hongkong Lands	55	54 1/2 s	55 1/2 s
Hongkong Realty	6 1/2	6 s	6 s
H.K. Territoria	3	3 s	3 s
Humphreys Estates	14 1/2	14 s	14 s
Prince's Building	80	87 s	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	18 3/4	8 3/4 b 9 s	9 s
Oriental	27 1/2 b 28 1/4 s	2 50	2 60 b
Shanghai Cottons (old)	154	53 b	54 n
do. (new)	127	28 b	28 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5	4 s	5 n
Cements (comb.)	10	9	9 b
do. (old)	9	8	8 b
do. (new)	2	2 n	1 1/2 b
China Buses	9 1/2	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	16 1/2	16 1/2 s	16 1/2 s x d.
do. (old)	13	11 1/2 b 11 3/4 s	12 s
do. (new)	9 3/4	8 3/4 b 9 s	0 s
China Prov.	5 1/4	5 1/2 s	5 s
Dairy Farms	18 1/4	18 1/4 n	18 1/2 s
Der A. Wing	6	5 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	16	15 1/4 s	16 n
H.K. Constructions	190	190 b	190 b
Hongkong Electrics	17 1/2	155 b 56 s	56 s
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	—	—	—
do. (old)	10	10 s	9 1/2 s
do. (new)	5	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	5 1/2	21 b 21 1/2 s	21 1/2 s
Lane, Crawford	8	7	7 s
Macao Electrics	35	—	—
Mackintosh	19 1/2	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	—	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	9 b	15 b
do. (new)	7 1/2	8 n	7 1/2 n
Sinceres	9 1/2	9 10 b	9 b
Singapore Trams	15 1/2	10 1/2 b	12 1/2 s
Taxis	2	1 s	80 Cts. s
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n	—
do. (Ordinary)	20	18 n	—
Watsons	13	13 1/2 s	13 s
Wm. Powells	6 1/4	5	5 n
H.K. Telephones	3 1/4	3 40 b 3 60 s	3 1/2 b

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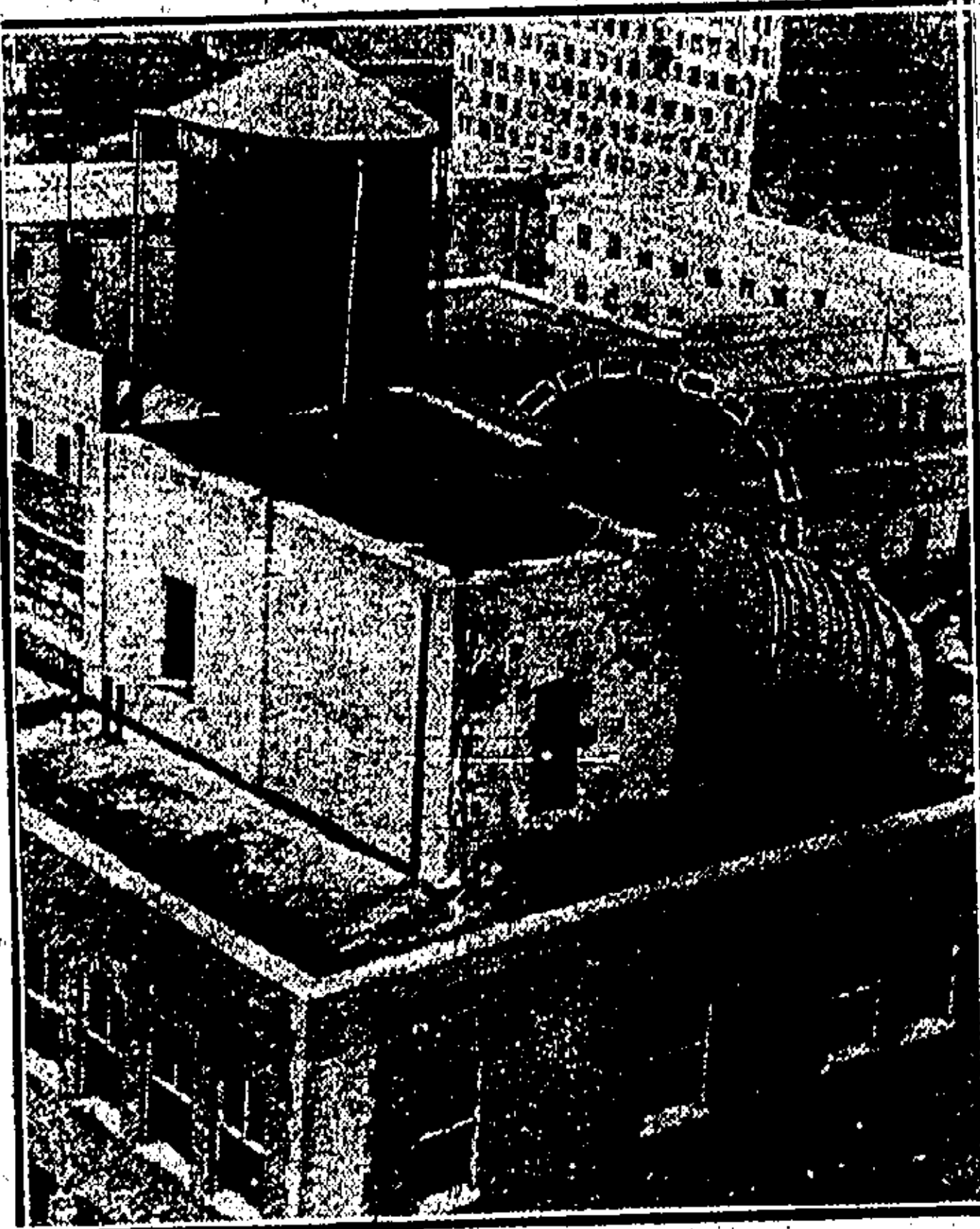
Elinor Dorrance, daughter of Dr. John T. Dorrance, America's soup king, abandoned society to work in her father's soup works.



T. Roy Long, twenty-one, was killed when his aeroplane went into a nose dive and plunged to the ground.



So efficient a private secretary was Frances Ring, of San Diego, that her employer, a bank president, sent her to Europe to study banking methods. She has just returned and is regarded as an authority on foreign procedure.



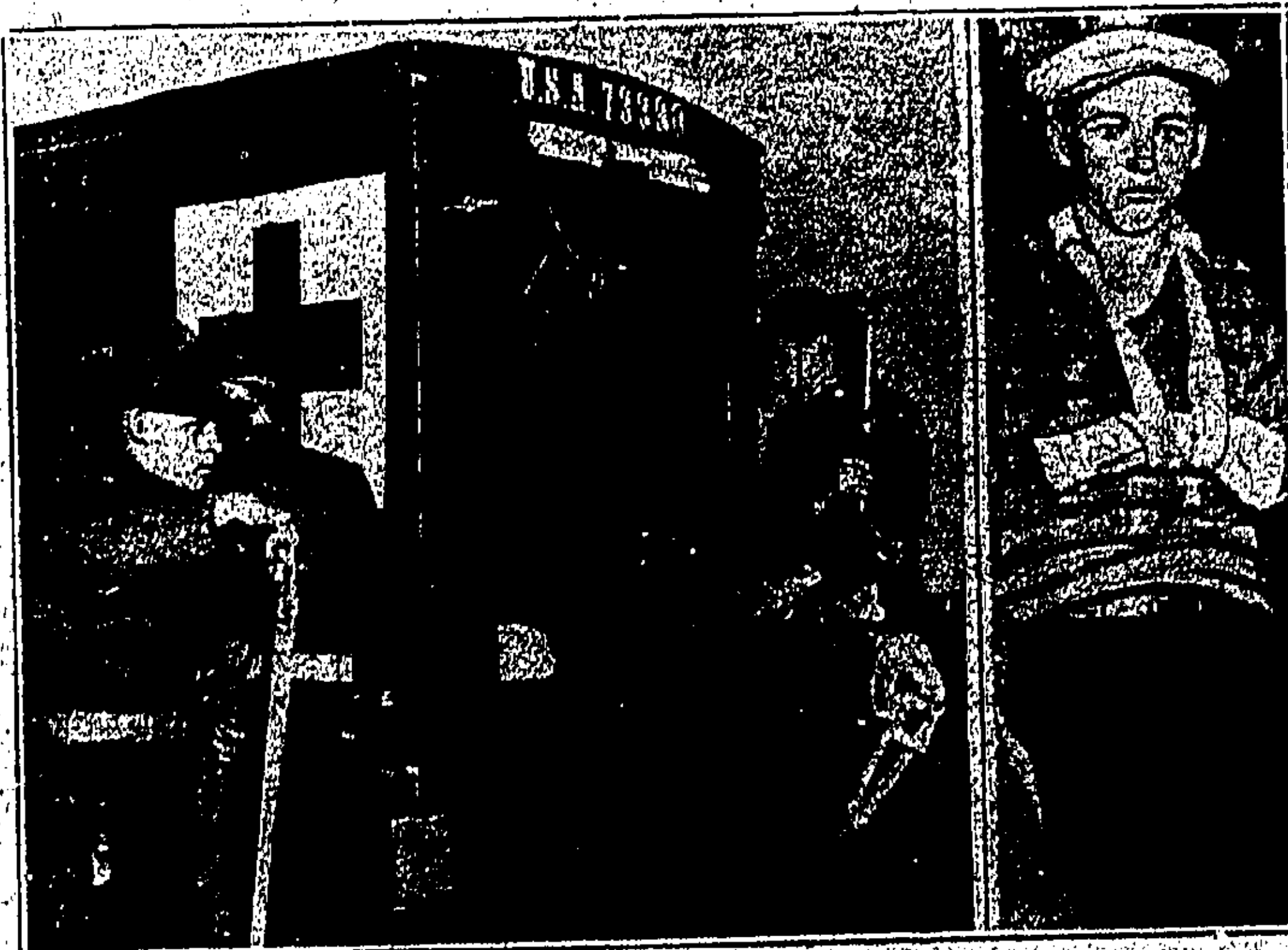
A freak gale, sweeping through New York, dropped this huge water tank on the roof of a high building. Line indicates whence it fell.



"Smoke," the pipe smoking mascot of a fire brigade. He makes it a point to be the last to leave any burning building to which the brigade is summoned.



Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, broke out in tears when Mrs. Elanor O. Rice, manager of her Angulus Temple, described the grief of Mrs. McPherson's mother over her supposed drowning. This happened at the conspiracy hearing in Court.



State troopers are shown unloading machine guns at Manville, in preparation for a battle with strike sympathizers at a mill there. John Roumansky, right, had two fingers shot away in a riot.



Princess Ileana, attired in Roumanian peasant costume, being presented with a ring representing membership in the Girls' Reserves of the New York Y.W.C.A. Photo shows Miss Margaret Lawrence making the presentation, Queen Marie being an interested spectator. The Queen is at the right in the picture.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

M. Max (Liberal) has been re-elected Burgomaster of Brussels, with Catholic and Liberal sheriffs.

Married when she was 17, Frances Hemphill, of Manchester, who is now 22, obtained a divorce at Nottingham Assizes.

No fewer than 1,149 fires were caused in London during 1925 by lights carelessly thrown down, but only one of the total of 5,188 was traceable to incendiaries.

Walking with his head down at Hull, Joseph William Pike, 42, of Arthur Street, Hull, collided with a signpost and received a cut on the head which has proved fatal.

A wallet containing £18 was stolen at a cinema from Mr. C. J. Mather, chairman of the Wallingborough Council, the empty wallet later being put through his letter-box.

Sir Michael W. S. Bruce, Bt., became ill in Oxford Circus, W., and was taken to Middlesex Hospital, where he was medically attended, and was able to leave shortly afterwards.

Three defendants, each named George Shaw, are being charged with separate offences at Manchester Assizes, and when one was charged, it was found that the wrong man was in the dock.

When two unemployed Cadogan Brothers were sent for trial at Barry, Glamorganshire, charged with stealing foodstuffs from a bakery company, it was stated that a police officer followed a trail of flour from the bakery to the home of the men, and that one of the men, in the cells, accused his brother of betraying him by his carelessness.

A new 2f. Belgian stamp in blue-green, a 75c. blue-violet have been issued and a 1 franc yellow was to be issued on December 1.

The strike of employees in the Mozambique Company's Territory has now been brought to an end, owing to the energetic efforts of the Governor.

The French Government has decided to prosecute the Communist newspaper "L'Humanité" for having published a series of articles attacking the Army.

Friends of Miss Edith Cavell celebrated at the St. Gilles Prison, Brussels, the anniversary of his death. The cell where Miss Cavell passed her last hours was decorated with flowers.

Lieutenant Bernard and Lieutenant Guilband of the French Navy, have left Etang de Berre to fly to Madagascar. On their way they intend to cross Africa from Senegal to Mozambique.

A Chadwell Health market gardener stated at the Stratford Police Court prosecuting a man for stealing potatoes, that within the last few months he had lost over 15 tons of growing stuff.

The Queensland Trades and Labour Council has decided to call "stop-work" meetings throughout the State because the Board of Trade refused to increase the basic wage from £4 5s. to £5 a week.

The education authorities of the "works" (collieries) have issued orders to the high schools, lower schools, war orphanage schools, and kindergarten, forbidding the girl scholars to wear their hair short.

Under the law recently passed all anti-Fascist associations have now been dissolved in every province of Italy where they existed—42 provinces out of 75.

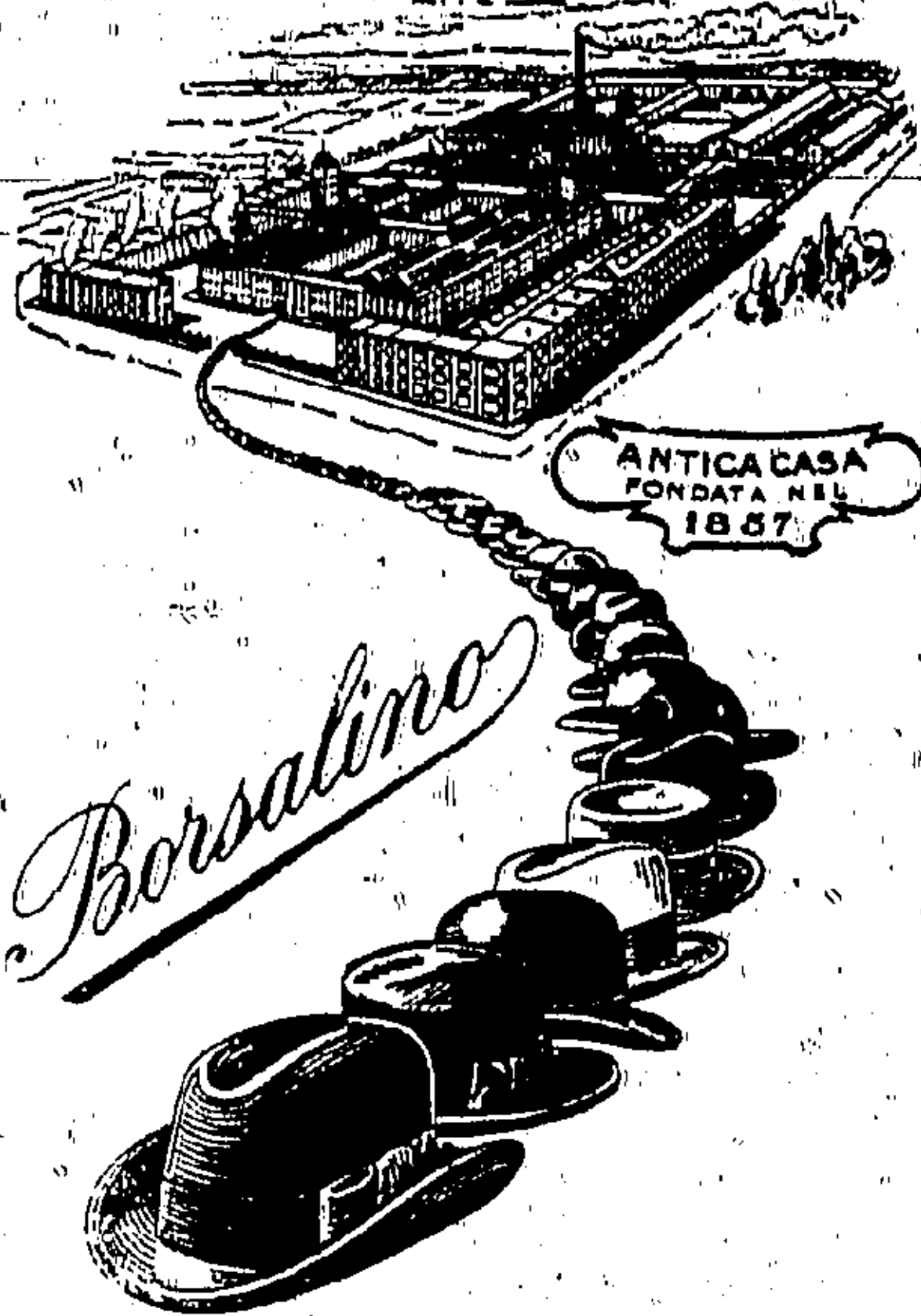
In his presidential address, at Sheffield to the Society of Glass Technology, Mr. Walter Butterworth sen., said 40 per cent. of the society's members were now drawn from abroad, half of these being from the United States.

A man who left his wife chargeable to Coventry Guardians pleaded, when brought before the Coventry magistrates, that when they were married she represented herself as 24 years of age, but he found she was 45 and old enough to be his mother.

At the inquiry at Doncaster into the application of the West Riding County Council for permission to construct a bridge over the Dutch River at Thorne, it was stated that if the County Council wanted to get a steam roller into Thorne they had to send it by rail.

Fifteen non-commissioned officers have been selected, under the regulations by which regular Army N.C.O.s may be granted combatant commissions as second-lieutenants, to attend the course of instruction beginning in February at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

Lord Darling's Bill to amend the law relating to solicitors, provides that no solicitor, without the permission of the Law Society, shall employ in connection with his business any person who, to his knowledge, has been struck off the roll of solicitors or is suspended from practising as a solicitor.



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To begin with the simplest type for autumn and winter, there is the exceedingly popular two-piece frock. It appears in formal as well as informal fabrics and possesses many interesting features. It has a skirt which allows fullness to enter in in either a flared or pleated manner. Its skirt may also differ in fabric from the jumper blouse and still reach smartness. Its blouse, in fact, need not, and frequently does not, match even in colour. The very newest models possess skirts and blouses of entirely contrasting fabrics and colours. Sleeves in the blouses are long with ballooned cuffs, straight lines or show dolman tendencies, and fly in cape effects. In the more formal moments of the two-piece frock which answers to the name of dinner gown, sleeves are absent and a huge flower often of chiffon or velvet—makes its appearance at the left shoulder.

Necks in both the one and two-piece models show points of similarity. Some of the outstanding points in the new necks are the little round Chinese collars that fasten in front and is less

than an inch in height. It fastens with either a linked button, a narrow strap or continues all the way around. The V line finished with a bow in front, the square or bateau neck, the jabot, tabs, tiny yokes and odd embroideries are other methods of making interesting the lines nearest the face.

The belero effect is exceedingly smart in the new afternoon frocks. It permits a charming introduction of fabric in vestee effect.

Hemlines, by the way, are exceedingly interesting. Even in the afternoon mode, they have a tendency to become uneven and slightly longer than the early autumn models would indicate in fashionable frocks.

Tiered effects that start either above or below the almost natural waistline are a feature of interest. The tiers may be either plaited or plain and run in one, two, or three rows.

Flounces are also seen and are popular in frocks for the afternoon in combined fabrics.

The bloused back is extremely new and smart. It is seen in frocks which show a snug effect at the hips and a flaring skirt. The blouse sometimes continues to the front and is used with the new "dolman" sleeves. The new bloused line sometimes completely obliterates the waistline and introduces a skirt of either simple or intricate charm.

The up-in-the-front movement is seen in many afternoon frocks and usually features a large bow terminating in long ends and sometimes trimmed with fur or fringe.

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NEW YORK SERVICE.

"OANTA" 14th Jan. New York, Boston & Baltimore
"CYCLOPS" 18th Jan. New York, Boston & Baltimore

PASSENGER SERVICE.

"AENEAS" 11th Jan. Singapore, Marseilles & London
"SARVEDON" 9th Feb. Singapore, Marseilles & London
"PATROCLOS" 9th Mar. Singapore, Marseilles & London
"ANTENOR" 14th April. Singapore, Marseilles & London
Also cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation at specially reduced fares.
For freight and passage rates and information apply to—

Buttfield & Swire,

Agents.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

LIST OF SHIPS EXPECTED TO BE IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION WITH HONG KONG TO-DAY

President Jefferson, Takada, Mirzapore, Susana 2nd, Van Overstraten, Antung, Tjilwong, Milkesan Maru, Roseric, Pembrokehire, Kohso Maru, Cyclops, Colorado, Sunning, Takaka Maru, Genoa Maru, Xingchow.

Correspondence for Canton will be forwarded by train if so superscribed. Such correspondence must be posted not later than 7.30 a.m. at the General Post Office or 7.40 a.m. at Kowloon Post Office for despatch by the Express train scheduled to leave Kowloon Railway Station at 8.05 a.m. and to arrive at Canton at 12.20 p.m.

INWARD MAILS.

From TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Japan WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Straits THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Manila THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Shanghai & Europe via Siberia FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Shanghai & Europe via Siberia FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Manila FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Japan and Shanghai SUNDAY, JANUARY 2.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai MONDAY, JANUARY 3.

U.S.A., Hongkong, Japan & Shanghai MONDAY, JANUARY 3.

Australia and Manila TUESDAY, JANUARY 4.

Shanghai TUESDAY, JANUARY 4.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Shanghai and Wuchow Sunning 4 p.m.

Swatow Sunning 4 p.m.

Straits and Calcutta (Parcels 9 p.m.) Letters (19th Dec) 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Haiphong 8.30 a.m.

Swatow 10.30 a.m.

Port Bayard 11 a.m.

Saligon 11.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 5 p.m.

Straits 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Bohow & Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

Batavia 10.30 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta (Parcels No. 2) 4 p.m.

Letters 1 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A.,

O. & S. America & Europe via

YOKOHAMA 8.30 a.m.

D.O., 18th Jan. 1927 & Europe

via Siberia (Letters and parcels)

special parcels 10.30 a.m.

Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters

9.30 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Swatow 5 p.m.

St. Albans 10.30 a.m.

Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

Swatow 10.30 a.m.

Straits 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1.

Swatow 5 p.m.

Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

Straits 5 p.m.

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